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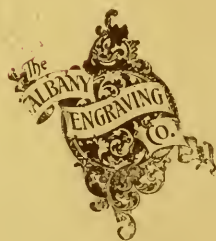
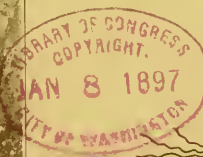
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# ONEONTA —AND— VICINITY

### ILLUSTRATED

ONEONTA in population is a city. The federal enumeration of the town of Oneonta in 1892 was 5,347. From the fact during the past four years the increase of inhabitants within the corporate limits of Oneonta has been remarkable, as shown in the statement that at least fifty new residences and two solid squares of business blocks have been erected, it is fairly assumed that a census would show a population in Oneonta of 10,000 people. Notwithstanding its eligibility for the assumption of the name "city," there has been no disposition to apply to the Legislature for the formality of an enactment giving to it that title. The present charter gives the people all the blessings that might follow the actual decree without any of the impositions sure to accompany it. The people have ample authority to make all of the improvements that the most advanced community may desire, with ample protection to those who contribute directly to the expense. In fact, no town enjoys more of the good things which conduce to the comfort of a large population. Clear and pure water, the greatest of all, is supplied from living springs, and that net-work of cold streams which are ever flowing in great abundance down the hillsides, across the meadows and through the fertile valleys of the Susquehanna country. The village is lighted with electricity, dispelling the darkness from the streets by arc lamps, which are in use in many of the large stores, and furnishing to the home and the assembly rooms light by means of the incandescent burner. A new system of sewers built after the best plan, which contemplates expansion adequate to the growth of the town, has been in use a sufficient time to demonstrate that drainage is properly effected. The paving of the streets is in its infancy, but as there is a movement to introduce an electric car line in the place of the present horse car road, which connects the eastern and western ends of the town with the business district, the prospects of additional and better pavements are flattering.

The village is located in Otsego county on the line of the Susquehanna division of the D. & H. railroad midway between Albany and Binghamton. It is the center of a very wide stretch of splendid farming country, situated in a broad valley and protected from violent winds by high hills. The intersection of the Susquehanna and the Charlotte valleys near this village afford a radiation of favorable turnpike and railway communication with the four cardinal points of the compass, giving easy communication to the east direct to Albany and Schenectady, and through Delaware county to the principal points in the Catskills; also north and west, either by Binghamton and the Erie, or via Cooperstown and Utica.

The best portion of Oneonta, which is the largest, consists of new and modern dwellings and ornamental stone business blocks. The streets are broad and heavily shaded, level and kept in good order. There is no unsightly, squalid tenement district. The poor we always have with us, but in Oneonta that class is small and almost wholly self-sustaining. The remark of strangers, on visiting the least pretentious sections, is: "Is this what you call the poorest locality?" Surprise is invariably expressed at the general cleanliness and good order shown in every part of the town.

Oneonta is blessed with abundant provisions for manufacturing. No better artificial water power can be found anywhere, and the large area of railroad trackage reaching across wide, level country offers plenty of switching room. It has grown to be a large distributing point, as is evidenced by the large wholesale stores that are doing a successful business.

Reference to the sketches of the business houses in these columns will give valuable statistics in that line; and will also show that a great amount of retail business is also carried on here.





# The Oneonta Normal School.



IF AS EMERSON says: "Every institution is the elongated shadow of some great man," then the establishment of the State Normal School at Oneonta must rest as a benediction on the memory of the Honorable Frank B. Arnold. To others undoubt-

Oneonta Normal School. His commanding legislative position, his wide-reaching public influence, his political sagacity and his strong personality were the potential factors that changed vague and indefinite desires into living verities.



THE FACULTY, PAST AND PRESENT.

edly belongs the honor of suggesting the desirability of such an institution. to others should be granted unmeasured praise for numerous and unquestioned sacrifices and for devoted and unstinted toil, but to Mr. Arnold must be given the title of Father of the

The work of establishing a State Normal School at Oneonta was not the mere locating of another public institution, but was also the inauguration of a new line of state polity in regard to normal schools.

Hitherto normal schools had been established at

different points in the State, but invariably the localities in which the schools were established had furnished the sites, erected the buildings and equipped them and had deeded the whole property to the State with the single condition, that the pupils in the training school and academic department should be taught free of charge. In a certain sense the normal schools thus established were State schools in part-

of a school in the Susquehanna valley, and Oneonta had been mentioned together with several other places. In the summer and autumn of 1886 desires began to take on a more definite form. That year, preceding the election of Mr. Arnold as member of the Assembly, it was generally understood that he was committed to the project. On the organization of the Assembly, Mr. Arnold was appointed to the



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nership with the several localities. The Oneonta Normal School is, then the first, purely State Normal School. The difficulties in the founding of this Normal School are only apprehended when these facts are considered in connection with the problem. When the first mention was made of a Normal School in Oneonta, is not known. In a vague way, from time to time, various individuals had urged the need

pivotal position of Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Early in the session he introduced a bill appropriating \$45,000 for the establishment of a Normal School at Oneonta. On March 28, 1887, this bill passed the Assembly with but two votes against it. The bill was then given in the charge of Senator John E. Smith. May 5 it passed the Senate unanimously and on May 18 was signed by Governor



Hill. A telegram from George I. Wilber, that the bill had been signed, was the occasion of Oneonta's first rejoicing over a school in sight.

The bill provided for a commission to select a site for the school and on June 30, of the same year, Honorable Andrew S. Draper, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Honorable Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, State Treasurer; Honorable Charles R. Hall,

village. The village, through its trustees, of whom George Kirkland was president, entered into contract to carry out the stipulations imposed by the Commission. The State Superintendent, on September 7, 1887, appointed the members of the local board, and on September 13 the board met and organized.

Messrs. Fuller & Wheeler of Albany were em-



THE LOCAL BOARD, PAST AND PRESENT.

Deputy State Comptroller, and Honorable Denis O'Brien, Attorney-General, met in Oneonta. Twelve different sites were presented to the consideration of the Commission and on July 8 the site offered by Delos Yager, at the head of Maple street, comprising about ten acres of land, was accepted. The acceptance, however, was conditioned on the fulfilment of certain requirements imposed on the

played as architects. A committee from the local board visited several state normal schools and obtained practical information regarding the needs of a normal school. When plans were prepared it was found impracticable to build a suitable building for the amount of money appropriated. On consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, it was decided to wait and present the facts to the

next legislature and ask for an additional appropriation. Andrew S. Draper in his annual report for 1888, urged the legislature to make an additional appropriation for Oneonta on the ground that the best

only two votes recorded against it. Honorable Walter L. Brown took charge of the bill in the Assembly and on March 8 the bill was passed with only four votes in the negative. The bill then went to the Governor and on March 20, was withdrawn from the Governor's hands to prevent a veto. Later it was presented to the Governor and the following telegram marked Oneonta's second period of rejoicing: "April 17, 1888, Governor Hill has just signed the Normal School bill in my presence. H. D. Nelson."

On April 19, 1888, Dr. James M. Milne, of Cortland was elected principal. Plans of building were speedily completed, bids advertised, and on June 30, 1888, the contract for erecting the building was awarded to Ryan, Rafferty & O'Hara and to Baker & McAllister, of Syracuse, N. Y., and the contract for heating and ventilating was on the same day let to Pierce, Butler & Pierce, of Syracuse. On July 17, 1888, ground was broken and excavation for the new building was commenced and on August 21, 1889, the building was completed.

In the legislature of 1889, an appropriation for \$47,000 for furnishing the building passed both branches of the legislature, but failed to become a law through Governor Hill's withholding his signature. Seats and desks were procured, text books



THE JANITORS AND ENGINEERS.

interests of the State would be subserved by such a course. Mr. Arnold, who had been elected State Senator, introduced a bill into the Senate on January 23, 1888, asking for \$69,000 additional appropriation, and on February 2d the bill passed the Senate with



VIEW FROM THE NORMAL.

were donated and with scant equipment the school was conducted the first year.

The building was formally dedicated on September 4, 1889. The principal address was made by State Superintendent Andrew S. Draper. He, at that time, bestowed marked praise on George I. Wilber, Willard E. Yager and Walter L. Brown for the energy and push evinced in the Normal School enterprise and at the close of this address he presented to the school a beautiful national flag. This flag was accepted for the school by Mr. Eugene Raymond. School opened next day with nearly one hundred students in the Normal Department and about an equal number in the Training Department.

The legislature of 1890 granted an appropriation for \$40,000 for grading the grounds and for equip-

Not a day of school was lost and only one student out of four hundred left.

On February 27 the bill for an additional \$100,000 was introduced into the Senate by Senator Coggeshall. It passed the Senate March 7, and was at once introduced into the Assembly. March 8, it passed the Assembly and was immediately signed by Governor Roswell P. Flower. Now, for the fourth time, Oneonta rejoiced over a school appropriation. On April 5, the contract for erecting the new building was let to Barnes, Lewis & Wilson of Oneonta, and the contract for heating and ventilating to Edward Bates of Syracuse. On April 9 work was commenced on the new building, and on September 5, of the same year, the Normal Department of the school opened in the west wing of the building,



NEW NORMAL BUILDING.

ping the Normal School. This bill became a law April 15, 1890, and was the occasion of Oneonta's third rejoicing over school appropriations.

Late in the afternoon of February 15, 1894, the Normal School building with all its equipment—books, pictures, tapestry, scientific collections and school records—was burned to the ground. On February 16 a bill passed the Assembly granting the use of the Armory for school purposes and appropriating the \$75,000 insurance money for rebuilding. On the evening of February 19 this bill passed the Senate and was signed the next morning by the Governor. School met February 16, and on Monday, February 19, all Normal classes were reciting in the Armory, and the Training Department was accommodated in the Stanton Opera Block.

while on October 15, the training school was transferred to the Normal building.

On December 15, 1894, the new building was dedicated with exercises long to be remembered. The occasion called forth as speakers: President Andrew S. Draper of the State University of Illinois; Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of New York, President of the National Educational Association; Charles W. Bardeen of Syracuse, Editor of the School Bulletin; Honorable James F. Crooker, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Professor Augustus S. Downing, of the State Department of Teachers' Institutes; Honorable John R. Reid of Babylon, member of the Jamaica Normal School Board; Dr. N. L. Andrews, Dean of Colgate University; and Dr. E. N. Jones, President of the New York State Teachers' Associa-



tion. Honorable Hartford D. Nelson, Secretary of the Local Board, was the historian of the occasion and Principal James M. Milne presiding officer of the day.

Near the opening of the following legislature, a bill passed both branches unanimously appropriating \$50,000 for equipping and furnishing the State Normal School at Oneonta. When Governor Morton on February 26, 1895, signed the bill, Oneonta passed through the fifth stage of rejoicing.

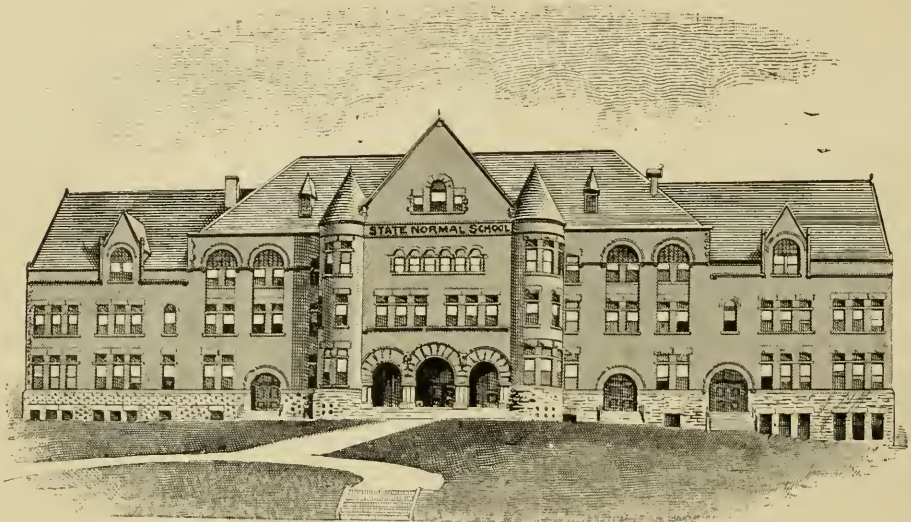
**The First Local Board.**—The members of the local board appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Andrew S. Draper, September 7, 1887, were as follows: Frank B. Arnold, Unadilla; James Stewart, George I. Wilber, Walter L. Brown, Eugene Raymond, Willard E. Yager, Reuben Reynolds, William H. Morris, all of Oneonta; Charles D. Hammond and Frederick A. Mead of Albany; Samuel M. Thurber, East Worcester. When, on September 13, 1887, the members of the board met and

The present local board is constituted as follows:

WILLIAM H. MORRIS, President, Oneonta, N. Y.	
HARTFORD D. NELSON, Secretary, " "	
DAVID WHIPPLE, Treasurer, - " "	
WALTER L. BROWN, - " "	
JAMES STEWART, - " "	
GEORGE I. WILBER, - " "	
EUGENE RAYMOND, - Brooklyn, N. Y.	
WILLARD E. YAGER, - Oneonta, N. Y.	
REUBEN REYNOLDS, - " "	
GEORGE KIRKLAND, - " "	
FREDERICK A. MEAD, - Albany, N. Y.	
HOBART KRUM, - Schoharie, N. Y.	

**The First Faculty.**—James M. Milne was elected Principal April 19, 1888, and on April 22, 1889, the additional members of the faculty were chosen. The first faculty was constituted as follows:

JAMES M. MILNE, A. M., Ph. D., Principal; PERCY I. BUGBEE, A. M., Mathematics; CHARLES N. COBB, A. M., Science; EDWIN F. BACON, Ph. B., Modern Languages; WILLIAM N. ABER, A. B., Ancient Languages; EMORY P. RUSSELL, Music; ELIZABETH



OLD NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

and organized, the following officers were chosen: William H. Morris, president; Eugene Raymond, secretary; James Stewart, treasurer.

**Changes in Members.**—On July 5, 1890, Samuel M. Thurber resigned and Fred. E. Sloan was appointed to fill the vacancy. On Sept. 1, 1890, Hartford D. Nelson was appointed member of the board. Fred. E. Sloan died Oct. 6, 1890, and on Nov. 19 David Whipple was appointed. Dec. 11, 1890, Frank B. Arnold died, and on the 22d of the same month Hobart Krum was appointed in his stead. Charles D. Hammond resigned Dec. 17, 1894, and on Jan. 18, 1895, George Kirkland was appointed to the place thus made vacant.

The following changes have occurred in the officers of the board: Eugene Raymond resigned his office June 6, 1891, and Walter L. Brown was elected in his place. May 24, 1894, Walter L. Brown resigned his position as secretary, and Hartford D. Nelson was elected to that position. James Stewart resigned his office as treasurer of the local board Sept. 6, 1892, and David Whipple was elected to the vacancy.

WEINGAND, Methods; HARRIET T. SANFORD, B. S., Rhetoric and Literature; ELISABETH B. McLELLAN, Drawing and Gymnastics; HELEN E. CARPENTER, Elocution; ANNA GERTRUDE CHILDS, A. B., Principal of Intermediate Dep't; GRACE BELL LATIMER, B. S., Critic of Intermediate Dep't; FRANCES A. HURD, Principal of Primary Dep't; MARY E. GILLIS, Critic of Primary Dep't.

**Changes in the Faculty.**—In the middle of the first year, Emory P. Russell tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and for the rest of the year the music work was carried on by Jeannette E. Fisher. At the end of the first year, William N. Aber resigned the Chair of Classics, and in his place Vernon P. Squires was appointed. Anna Gertrude Childs was chosen to succeed Emory P. Russell as teacher of music. Grace Bell Latimer was made principal of the Intermediate and Frances A. Hurd was assigned to the position of critic in the Intermediate Department. Mary E. Gillis was made principal of the Primary Department, and Elizabeth R. Hull was chosen as critic of the same department.

In the middle of the second year Harriet Sanford severed her connection with the school, and for the

balance of that year her work was carried on by Mrs. Ida F. Bugbee. At the end of that year Elisabeth McLellan resigned the position of teacher of Drawing and Gymnastics. Helen E. Carpenter also closed her connection with the school. Harriet A. Gates was appointed to the position of Drawing, and Winifred E. Parsons to the position of Elocution and Gymnastics. Alice Gray Bothwell was appointed teacher of Literature and Rhetoric.

At the end of the third school year the resignation of Mary E. Gillis was accepted, and Gertrude M. Stewart was elected principal of the Primary Department.

At the end of the fourth year Charles N. Cobb resigned the Chair of Science, and Howard Lyon was elected in his place. Vernon P. Squires resigned the position of Classics, and Frank D. Blodgett was elected to the vacancy. Elizabeth R. Hull resigned her position of critic of the Primary Department, and for her place Florence M. Matteson was chosen. Grace Bell Latimer was transferred to the Normal Department as teacher of Mathematics

English Literature and Rhetoric, and Charles J. Staples succeeded him as principal of the Intermediate and teacher of Gymnastics. Wincha L. Collom was elected teacher of Gymnastics and History. Frances Tappan was elected to the position of Science and General Assistant, and Frances A. Hurd was transferred to the Normal Department as teacher of Science and Writing. Gertrude L. Coddington was added to the faculty as assistant in Mathematics and Languages.

September 1, 1889, N. C. Crouch was appointed by the local board engineer and janitor of the school. September 1, 1892, he resigned, and William H. Whitney was appointed in his place. On September 1, 1893, William H. Whitney was appointed engineer, and Samuel Ferns was appointed janitor.

The present faculty is constituted as follows :

JAMES M. MILNE, A. M. Ph. D., Didactics.  
ARTHUR M. CURTIS, B. S., Mathematics.  
EDWIN F. BACON, Ph. B., Modern Languages.



SCIENCE—NORMAL SCHOOL.

and Science, and Wilbur H. Lynch was elected principal of the Intermediate Department and teacher of Gymnastics.

Early in the fifth year Gertrude M. Stewart resigned, and Cora H. Pettit was elected to fill the position of principal of the Primary Department.

At the end of the sixth year, Elizabeth Weingand severed her connection with the school, and Kate M. Denison was chosen teacher of Methods. Percy I. Bugbee resigned the Chair of Mathematics, and Arthur M. Curtis was chosen to fill the vacancy. Wilbur H. Lynch resigned his position, and Charles A. Schumaker was elected to the vacant position. Genevieve Ingersoll was added to the faculty as critic and teacher of Grammar, and Helen E. Scramling was elected to the position of Elocution.

Early in the seventh year Alice Gray Bothwell offered her resignation, which was accepted, and her literature work was carried on throughout the year by Marian Yager. At the end of the seventh year Grace Bell Latimer and Winifred Parsons resigned. Charles A. Schumaker was appointed teacher of

FRANK D. BLODGETT, A. B., A. M., Ancient Languages.

HOWARD LYON, A. B., M. S., Science.

KATE M. DENISON., Methods.

ANNA GERTRUDE CHILDS, A. B., A. M., Music and Criticism.

HARRIET A. GATES, Drawing, Methods and Criticism.

HELEN E. SCRAMLING., Expression and Reading.

FRANCES A. HURD., Science, Writing and Criticism.

CHARLES A. SCHUMAKER, A. B., Ph. D. Rhetoric, Literature and History.

WINCHA L. COLLOM., Physical Culture and History.

GERTRUDE L. CODDINGTON, A. B., Assistant in Mathematics and Languages.

FRANCES TAPPAN., Science and General Assistant.

CHARLES J. STAPLES, A. B., Gymnastics and Principal of Intermediate Dept.



CORA H. PETTIT., Principal of Primary Department.  
 FLORENCE M. MATTESON., Physical Geography and Criticism.  
 GENEVIEVE INGERSOLL., Grammar and Criticism.

**School Organizations.**—Within the school, quite a number of societies and organizations have sprung up, which have for their aim mutual helpfulness, relaxation and special general culture. The following are the more general by name, with the dates of their organization or establishment:

Dec. 13, 1889. Beta Chapter of Delphic Society. (Gentlemen.)  
 Feb. 4, 1890. Beta Chapter of Clonian Society. (Ladies.)  
 Feb. 26, 1890. Base Ball Association.  
 Oct. 15, 1890. Oneonta Musical and Lecture Course Association.  
 April 15, 1891. Normal Orchestra. (Ladies and Gentlemen.)

passed over as a legacy to those managing the affairs in the school or out of it. Although the total attendance of the first year was only 143 Normal students, the last year nearly 600 Normal students were in attendance, and over 100 were graduated. Over 400 have already been graduated from this institution, and nearly every one has taught in the public schools of the state. A large number are already holding commanding executive or class-room positions. No Normal School can show a record in which as great a proportion of graduates has taught, or in which as high salaries have been paid to graduates. The desire for Oneonta graduates throughout the State is constantly increasing, and the demand is always greater than the supply. Whatever may be the future of this institution, its past, at least, is secure and honorable. Its efforts to-day are full of that spirit of progress which keeps in touch with varying and ever widening demands, full of the spirit of truth that rests on everlasting foundations, and full of the genius of that courage and hard work which will command success and bring things to pass.



LIBRARY.

April 17, 1891. Beta Chapter of Agonian Society. (Ladies.)  
 May 15, 1891. Beta Chapter of Philalethean Society. (Gentlemen.)  
 June 30, 1891. Alumni Association.  
 March, 1893. Oneontan. (School Monthly)  
 Sept. 30, 1893. Hermania. (German Society.)  
 March, 1894. Hermania Monthly. (German)  
 Sept. 18, 1894. Athletic Association.  
 Oct. 20, 1894. Epsilon Chapter of Arethusa Society. (Ladies.)  
 Sept. 14, 1895. Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Society. (Ladies.)  
 Sept. 20, 1895. James M. Milne Hose Company.  
 Oct. 23, 1895. Students Guild.  
 Oct. 2, 1896. Normal Glee Club. (Gentlemen.)

**The School Growth.**—The growth of the Oneonta Normal has in a sense been phenomenal. Without a large body of Alumni to herald its worth, it has gradually forged to the fore-front. The hard work of the founders of the institution seems to have been

**M. Gurney** was born of Quaker parentage in the town of Maryland, August 29, 1830, and he was the second of eight children, of whom six are still living. While a lad he entered the employ of the late John T. Thompson as clerk in his store at Maryland. Later he was employed by Elisha S. Steere of Laurens and in 1854 he was married to Miss Margaret Every of that place. In partnership with Mr. Comstock, his brother-in-law, he succeeded Mr. Steere in business, establishing the firm of Comstock & Gurney, which continued until the death of the senior partner, when the late LeRoy Tucker entered the firm, which carried on for several years a prosperous business as Gurney & Tucker. Mr. Gurney's business career at Laurens extended over a period of fifteen years, at the end of which time he removed to Michigan, where he remained only one year, returning on account of ill health, and soon after settling in Oneonta. For sixteen years he was postmaster and justice of the peace at Laurens, and he was the third chief of the Oneonta fire department and one of the



charter members of the Hook and Ladder company. For many years, also, he had been citizen member of the board of health, and since its organization secretary of the Glenwood cemetery association. He belonged to the Oneonta club to the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge at Oneonta and of the Malta commandery at Binghamton.

He was a regular attendant and a liberal supporter of the Methodist church. His wife died in 1890. On the day of his funeral all places of business in town were closed. By the request of the family there was no parade or display, but all prominent organizations were represented and the attendance of citizens was large.

**The Woman's Club of Oneonta.**—The Woman's Club of Oneonta was organized February 13, 1894, with one hundred and eleven members, its first officers being Mrs. Ida Bugbee, President; Mrs. Elizabeth A. W. Case, Vice-President; Mrs. Nellie

in French, Spanish, English and American history, current topics, botany, parliamentary usage, art, embroidery, cooking, physical culture, harmony, a ladies' chorus and a mandolin and guitar club. The first Tuesday evening of each month is devoted to a musical and literary program for the whole club, the last one being a review of the year's work in all of its divisions. The third Thursday of each month an informal reception is held, four of the ladies receiving from three to half after five o'clock. Aside from the entertainments by the club members during the present year parlor entertainments are to be given by distinguished women, also cooking lessons by one of the most celebrated cooking teachers. Through July and August the regular work is suspended, the rooms being accessible to the members during the whole year. The present officers are,



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H. Miller, Secretary; Miss May Whipple, Corresponding Secretary; Miss May Wilson, Treasurer; Mrs. Susan Baird, Mrs. Mary A. Miller, Miss Grace Bell Latimer and Mrs. Ella M. Ford, Directors. Under the laws of the State of New York the club was incorporated September 7, 1894. At the close of the first year the 200 membership limit had been reached, and it was found necessary to remove from the flat in the Ray block to the pleasant suite of rooms now occupied by the club in the Exchange block, Dietz street, consisting of an auditorium seating about 200, a handsome parlor, reception room, well lighted reading room and class room, which were handsomely decorated and furnished to meet the needs of the club. On account of its size the club is divided into classes, members choosing the lines of study. With the exception of the languages, the classes are conducted by the members in weekly meetings. Classes have been maintained

President, Mrs. Harriet E. Stone; Vice-President, Mrs. Miriam Lyon; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth M. Blakely; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Kittie A. French; Treasurer, Miss May Wilson; Board of Directors, Mrs. Lillian Kirkland, Mrs. Helen Scramling, Mrs. Ada Morris, Mrs. Maria Young. Directors of classes are: American History, Mrs. Bugbee; Art History, Mrs. Winifred Ford; Chorus, Miss Anna Gertrude Childs; Current Topics, Mrs. Elizabeth Case; Embroidery, Mrs. Flora Gurney; English History, Mrs. Susan Baird; English Literature, Miss Mary Woodin; French, Miss Gregory; Harmony, Mrs. Ella M. Ford; Mandolin and Guitar, Mrs. Nellie H. Miller.

**The First National Bank** was organized in 1871. The officers have shown themselves to be men of good judgment. Aside from the regular routine of business this bank enjoys an enviable reputation as a reliable agency for safe and profitable investments

in National, State, County and various municipal bonds. The negotiations of first class securities on an extensive scale are frequent, and the information cheerfully given to investors is often most valuable. Passage tickets to and from Europe may be purchased at this institution.

Although not generally known, the First National Bank for the last eight years has been one of the few to be included in the *National Roll of Honor* among the many banks of the United States. Ten years ago this bank erected a large four-story brick block, which affords fine quarters and plenty of room for increasing business. It is provided with a Herring's Patent Champion Safe, made expressly to order, and weighs 12,000 lbs. The loan and discount account shows that the funds of the bank have been put to good use. Its surplus fund and undivided profits also attest the same fact. The steady increase of deposits bespeak the confidence of the community.

This is regarded as one of the safest and most conservative banking institutions in this part of the

nine years. He came to Oneonta in April, 1883, and formed the copartnership with Mr. Bennett above mentioned. He married Ida Groat, of Oneonta, April 25, 1888. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. Henry Bull was born in Oneonta April 15, 1855. At fourteen years of age he entered the employ of J. T. Mygatt, paper jobber, Binghamton. Twenty-one years ago he went into the store of W. L. Brown, where he remained until the present firm was organized. He was elected supervisor from Oneonta in 1889 and has been re-elected for each succeeding term. He served as chairman in 1894-95. He married Mrs. G. D. Rockwell in 1887. He is a member of the Oneonta club.

The F. A. and V. Reading Circle is a small club of sixteen ladies. It was organized in 1893, with the purpose of carrying on a course of pleasant reading in a pleasant manner, and to this end it meets one evening of each week at the house of one of the different members, where an hour and a half—from



GYMNASIUM—NORMAL SCHOOL.

country, showing a wise and careful management under the following officers: Ransom Mitchell, President; W. T. Keyes, Vice-President; M. L. Keyes, Cashier; E. C. Slade, Assistant Cashier.

The Firm of Carr & Bull, clothiers, in the Ford & Stewart building, is one of the largest establishments in that line of business in this county. It has the reputation for fair dealing and for selling the best class of goods. The business has been built up from a small beginning to that second to none between Albany and Binghamton. It was started on April 1, 1884, by Bennett & Carr, who, during the preceding year had been engaged in the grocery trade. On August 1, 1892, Mr. Bennett was succeeded by Henry Bull, and the firm from that time continued the business under the name of Carr & Bull. The stock comprises a large selection of ready-made clothing, hats and caps, trunks, bags and men's furnishing goods generally. Mr. A. W. Carr was born in Cooperstown, March 4, 1860. He was employed in the *Journal* office at that place for

7:30 to 9 o'clock—is spent in reading aloud by one of the number, the others being at liberty to interrupt and discuss the subject at any time. The hour following is spent socially, refreshments being served by the hostess during the time. Both as a social and a literary club this circle has been greatly enjoyed. For the last two years the course of reading has been in the line of travels, and special interest and charm have been added to it by personal experiences of two of the members who, during these years, have traveled quite extensively in our own and foreign countries. For the purposes of the circle the only officer needed is a president, who is chosen at the first meeting in each year. Socially the meetings are very informal and delightful, and they are rarely held without the full membership, which is limited to sixteen to avoid inconvenience in the ordinary drawing-room.



**D. J. Yager**, police and civil justice, is one of the oldest and best known business men of Oneonta. With an interval of but a few years, during which time he was engaged in the coal business, he has served in that office since 1862. He has been prominently identified with the public improvements in the village, having been one of the promoters of both banks, and of the water supply, all of which associations, excepting the Wilber Bank, he is a stockholder. From 1845 to 1857, he was a leading dry goods merchant, being a member successively of the firms of D. J. Yager & Co., Yager & Dietz, Yager & Reynolds and Yager & Ford. During his most active business career, he constructed several buildings in the village, including a number of fine residences; also the large hotel near the depot, known as the Hathaway House. Mr. Yager was born in Oneonta, September 6, 1825. He attended the district schools, and at the age of thirteen years

**E. D. Hirshey**, the fashionable merchant tailor, in the Reynolds block, learned his trade in Paris, where he began at 15 years of age under the instruction of the best tailors, learning to cut and make up stylish goods. He came from France five years ago, and after working in New York awhile located in Oneonta, Feb. 1, 1894. He carries a large line of both domestic and imported goods, and all work in his shop is under his personal supervision. His business includes all kinds of merchant tailoring and his customers are among the best people in town. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

**The Oneonta Water Works Company** draws its supply from the Oneonta creek and living springs adjacent thereto. This was formerly a trout stream and the water is soft, pure and clear. The works were built in 1882, with a distributing reservoir having the capacity of 25,000,000 of gallons and



DRAWING ROOM.—NORMAL SCHOOL.

entered the employ of Cook & Brown. Three years later he engaged as a clerk with George W. Ernst at Cooperstown, where he remained for two years. He then returned to Oneonta and entered a clerkship for the firm of Solon and C. P. Huntington, the two men who have since become world-wide known as railroad magnates. When he left their employ two years afterwards it was to engage in the business for himself, in which he became successful. David Yager, his father, was a native of Rensselaer county. He came to Oneonta in 1808 and settled on a farm. He died in June, 1851, and his wife was buried three days later. They left a family of nine children. The survivors are: Mrs. Julia Tuttle of McConnellsville, Oneida county, and the subject of this sketch. The latter married Emogene L., the daughter of Elisha Shepard of Oneonta, on May 23, 1849. There are four children: Willard E., and Miss Marion of Oneonta, Mrs. Florence Y. Loomis of New York; and Mrs. Alice, the wife of Mr. Frederick G. Mather, the well known writer and legislative correspondent of Albany.

covering about ten acres of ground. It is at an elevation of 202 feet above the Albany and Susquehanna tracks and about two miles distant from the village. The water is brought into town by gravity and the fall is sufficient to raise a stream above the tallest buildings. In order to keep ahead of the increased demands made possible by the growth of the town, a storage reservoir was begun in 1886, which was nearly two years in building, and when finished it proved to be the largest artificial lake or reservoir owned by any water works company or city in the State outside of greater New York, covering 75 acres and having the capacity of 500,000,000 gallons. The embankment alone is 60 feet high. The site of this reservoir is 450 feet above the town and four miles distant. Its cost was more than twice the amount spent in building the original works. Pure water drawn from living springs and running brooks is the

chief factor insuring the general good health for which Oneonta is noted. That was the main point kept in view when the plans for building the water works were finally adopted; and the question of expense was made subordinate to the necessity of obtaining pure water. The water company has not spared expense or trouble in protecting the supply. It has gone so far as to secure the passage of a special act of the Legislature protecting this water shed in a greater degree than is obtained under the general law. The officers and board of directors: George I. Wilbur, President; T. A. Norton, Vice-

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CHAPIN MEMORIAL CHURCH.

President and Secretary; J. G. Hoyt, Superintendent; William Morris, George W. Fairchild and James Stewart.

The Wilber National Bank is one of the best known of banking institutions in the State. Its capital is \$100,000. The surplus \$200,000 is the largest in proportion to the capital of that held by any National bank, except one, between Albany and Buffalo. The amount of business now being done by this institution is shown in the last government report which discloses the fact that the undivided profits, in addition to the surplus, is \$31,823.67. The very careful and safe manner in which the busi-

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Henry Saunders has carried on the book and stationery business in Oneonta for more than twenty-five years. His place of business is in the McCrum block at the corner of Main and Broad streets, and it is one of the largest established stores in this village. As a dealer in that line of merchandise he is very widely known, having the reputation of being the leader, and of being first to place before local trade the newest and most popular publications. Mr. Saunders was born in Burnt Hills, Saratoga county, December 25, 1852. When he was thirteen



years old he came to Oneonta to live with his grandfather, Mr. E. R. Ford, and attend school. At eighteen years of age he entered the employ of A. D. Dye as clerk, and the following year was admitted as a partner. Their store was, at that time, at the foot of Chestnut street, but has since been swept away by fire, and the old site is now the beginning of

1874 he entered the employ of the First National Bank of Oneonta, N. Y., and in 1875 was elected cashier, and has held that office continuously up to the present time; he had had no previous experience when he assumed his duties, nevertheless he has proved the right man in the right place. He has large investments in real estate, is Vice-President of the Oneonta Gas and Electric Light Co. Mr. Keyes is a charter member of the Oneonta Building and Loan Association of which he is one of the directors, also a director of the First National Bank at Bainbridge, N. Y., and First National Bank of Morris, N. Y., besides being connected with various other enterprises. He has always been like his father before him, a life-long democrat. In 1873 he married Helena, daughter of Martin Pruyn, of Mt. Vision. He has two children, a daughter, Eva B., and son, De Forest Keyes.

Hervey Keyes, the father of the subject of this sketch, Marquis L. Keyes, was born in 1803. He was a merchant at Mt. Vision for a number of years, and was prominent in the days of State military training. He was appointed and held various offices, was made Colonel of the Eleventh Regiment of Cavalry, and performed the duties of his office acceptably, was tendered the office of General, but declined. In 1851 was elected member of Assembly from the second assembly district of Otsego County. He married Margaret, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Marlette of the town of Milford.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

the street, known as Chestnut extension. In 1873, the firm moved into the store, which he now occupies, and where, during nearly a quarter of a century the business has increased in importance, keeping pace with the growth of the town and the demands of trade. This building was constructed by his father and Mr. McCrum. In 1875, Mr. Saunders succeeded Mr. Dye, as sole proprietor. He has from time to time added very largely to the stock until the scope of his trade includes every article customarily kept on sale in large retail book stores. He married Carrie, the daughter of Sherman Hine of Franklin, Delaware county, October 16, 1884.

Frederick L. Dibble, who does a successful grocery business at No. 15 Dietz street, and whose trade includes many of the best families, opened the business on Broad street, on January 1, 1892, and three months later removed to No. 176 Main street, where he remained until April 1, 1896, when he moved into his present quarters. He was born September 16, 1854, in Davenport, Delaware county. On March, 4, 1886, he married Miss Jane Catharine, the daughter of Robert Tunnard of Waterford, Saratoga county. The business he is conducting includes all branches of the grocery trade. By strict attention to the wants of his patrons and by fair and conscientious dealings Mr. Dibble has drawn to himself a large circle of desirable patrons. Although the business is comparatively new it is constantly expanding with flattering prospects for the future. The stock embraces many lines of fine and imported groceries. Mr. Dibble handling none but the very best. He is a member of the Oneonta Lodge I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias.

Marquis L. Keyes was born in Mt. Vision, October 24, 1841. He was educated at the Franklin Literary Institute. After leaving school he spent five years at Aurora, Ill., was principal of the graded school, and engaged in financial investments. In



PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The First Presbyterian Church justly claims precedence as the oldest in town and one of the oldest in this section. It was founded in 1786, Rev. John Toll being the first pastor. The church was not incorporated, however, until 1815. Oneonta at that time did not exist as a separate town. The old articles of incorporation read as follows: "At a meeting of a part of the inhabitants of the towns of Milford, Otsego Co., and Kortright, Delaware Co.,

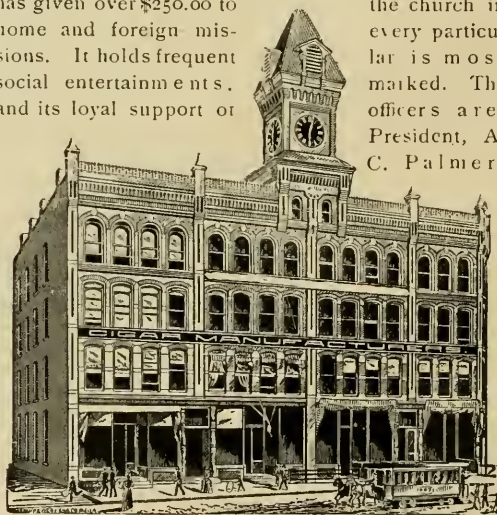
held at Milford on the 24 of June, 1815, for the purpose of organizing themselves into a religious body, Asel Marvin was chosen chairman and Jacob Dietz clerk. Resolved: That we be incorporated into a body to be known as the Second Presbyterian Church of Milford." The parchment record books of the sessions dating back to 1799 are in the possession of the church and contains much quaint and curious information in regard to the early life of the community. The first building was erected in 1816, and the present structure was dedicated with im-



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

pressive ceremonies in 1887. During its long existence the church has been served by twenty-two pastors. Its history is largely that of the community in the midst of which it has stood and whose vicissitudes, struggles and prosperity it has shared. Many of the names of its honored and successful citizens are on its long roll of membership and many in other communities remember it with affection and gratitude. It is believed that the church is to-day in the most flourishing and prosperous condition of its history. It is absolutely out of debt, and even in the present "hard times" has been making splendid gains in every direction. To illustrate its financial prosperity, it may be stated that its income has more than doubled during the past ten years. During the same time its membership has increased by 79, which is the largest gain ever made during a similar period. The official boards of the church, under whose efficient and liberal management such pronounced success has been achieved, are as follows: Rev. Newton M. Hall, pastor and moderator of the session. The session: D. A. H. Brownell, clerk; H. D. Alden, A. C. Holley, H. W. Morenus, T. D. Watkins, F. H. Stone, A. B. Tobey, G. N. Rowe. The trustees: J. L. Miller, president; C. E. Ford, W. P. Blakely, T. A. Norton, C. K. Lauren, A. Morris; clerk, Grant Pelton. Deacons: G. L. Pratt, B. C. Lauren. Deaconesses: Mrs. S. Hill, Mrs. O. W. Peck, Mrs. C. K. Lauren. The church edifice occupies a commanding position in the heart of Oneonta, situated on Main street, facing Elm. The buildings, which constitute the valuable property, rise from terraced lawns somewhat back from the street. The church edifice is of brick, with stone trimmings.

The interior is attractively furnished, lighted by stained-glass windows, and fitted with beautiful electric chandeliers. Adjoining the church is the brick parsonage, a comfortable and handsome residence. The pastor is assisted in his work by various societies and organizations. All of which are most active and enthusiastic in their co-operation. Chief among these auxiliaries is the Sunday-school. No branch of the church work has shown more encouraging activity and advancement than the Sunday-school—At the last "Rally Day." It reached high-water mark in attendance, the number present being 367. Still more striking as showing the gain in the past two years is the average attendance for the month of September. In 1894, it was 204; in 1895, 227; in 1896, 299. Better still than mere numbers is the enthusiasm and loyalty of teachers and scholars. The enthusiastic, devoted and self-sacrificing superintendent is A. H. Brownell, M. D., who is ably supported by the following officers: Assistants, B. C. Lauren, Lulu Hurlbutt, George Norton, Arthur Palmer; treasurer, J. S. Lauren; secretary, H. S. Rowe; assistant secretary, Bert Hitchcock; librarian, H. P. Tompkins; assistant, Edith M. Wheeler. A kindergarten department is in charge of Mrs. A. H. Brownell, assisted by Miss May Scott. Bible classes are taught by Dr. J. M. Milne, Mr. A. B. Tobey, Prof. F. D. Blodgett, Mrs. A. B. Tobey and Miss Kittie French. The Y. P. S. C. E., organized in 1889, with a membership of 13, has had a most prosperous history. Its membership is now about 125. During the past three years it has given over \$250.00 to home and foreign missions. It holds frequent social entertainments, and its loyal support or



TOWN CLOCK BUILDING.

vice-president, Elizabeth Miller; recording secretary, Carrie Robinson; corresponding secretary, Elizabeth M. Blakely, 26 Elm street; treasurer, Burton Hotaling; assistant treasurer, Chloe Olmstead; missionary treasurer, H. S. Rowe; and the chairmen of committees: Lookout, Lilian Cowan; prayer meeting, Martha Marters; social, C. D. Vosburg; missionary, Lulu Hurlbutt; music, Albert Hitchcock; Sunday-school, Clara Van Dycke. No branch of the church work is more faithfully performed than that under the direction of the Ladies' Missionary Society. Missionary spirit is fos-



tered by monthly meetings for the discussion of the active work in the field, and twice a year a supper is given, the proceeds of which swell the missionary funds. The last semi-annual report shows that over \$100 had been contributed. The officers are: President, Mrs. Alva Seybolt; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. D. Alden; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Nathaniel Compton; Secretary, Mrs. C. K. Lauren; Treasurer, Mrs. D. B. Holmes. The social activity of the church is maintained by the Ladies' Aid Society, whose membership includes nearly all the ladies of the church. Most popular are the appetizing suppers which are served, and the "New Year's dinner" has become an annual event which has spread the fame of the ladies as

successful entertainers. Concerts and entertainments of various kinds prove attractive features, promoting sociability and swelling the exchequer of the society. The officers are: President, Mrs. Albert Morris; Vice - Presidents, Mrs. E. M. Johnson, Mrs. A. B. Tobey, Mrs. F. H. Stone, Mrs. C. K. Lauren, Mrs. A. Seybolt, Mrs. J. A. Millard, Mrs. S. H. Taylor, Mrs. Anna Blackall, Mrs. Robert Furman, Mrs. Eta Parish, Mrs. G. N.

Rowe, Mrs. C. F. Shell and Miss Harriet Glazier; Secretary, Elizabeth M. Blakeley; Treasurer, Mrs. A. D. Getman. A young men's society, composed largely of members of Prot. Blodgett's Bible class, has been formed. The work of the society has not yet been fully developed, but special efforts will be made through it to interest young men in the work and life of the church. Informal receptions are given, and a course of "talks" by prominent men is planned for the winter. The officers are as follows: President, A. C. Palmer; Vice-President, John Nailor; Secretary, A. R. Brown; Treasurer, Albert Bush. Among the recent organizations of the church none is more thoroughly earnest and "alive" than the Boys' Brigade, numbering forty members. It holds a weekly drill and a Sunday morning prayer meeting. Last summer the first annual "camp" was held at Lake Crumborn. The week's outing was a source of great enjoyment to the boys. Plans are on foot for greatly increasing the efficiency and value of the organization. The officers are: Captain, Fred. N. Van Wie; First Lieutenant, Albert Bush; Second Lieutenant, Clif-

ford Morris; Sergeants — First, Burton Hotaling; Second, Vernon Holme; Third, Frank Howard; Corporals — First, Oakley Hogan; Second, Howard Alden; Third, Clarence Hall; Fourth, William Thompson; Quartermaster, Frank Johnson. The church makes its music a prominent feature in its service, and employs the best singers that it is possible to obtain. The following is the musical organization: Director, William Lloyd; Organist, Miss Emily Abell. Quartette: Tenor, William Lloyd, Miss Lulu O. Tanner, soprano; Miss Josephine Axtell, alto; Fred W. Davies, basso. Male Quartette: William Lloyd, Fred Davies, George Purick, H. W. Terrell. Chorus Choir: Ethel Dillenbeck,

Mabel E. Robinson, Chloe Olmstead, Lulu Dennis, Elsa Gardner, Grace Vosburg, Carrie Head, Ophelia MacDonald, Anna MacDonald, Inez Gray, Minna Crum, M. E. Baxter, Henry McDonough. The church is not content to rest upon its past achievements and successes. It is looking forward to a future which shall make it a still larger factor in the moral growth of the community, and enable it to occupy a still wider sphere of usefulness. The



BURR MATTICE, JUSTICE, 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

present accommodations are too small and cramped for its rapidly increasing membership, and its facilities for active church work far too limited. Plans are being considered for the erection, in the near future, of a "parish house" for the accommodation of the Sunday school, and for the many social activities of the modern church. This house will contain a large assembly room to be used for prayer meetings, and the Sunday school. Separate rooms for Sunday school classes and the various organizations of the church, dining room and kitchen, drill hall and armory for the Boy's Brigade. The church will then be most effectually equipped for the aggressive Christian work, for the broad activities which are demanded of the city church of the present day. To this field of enlarged and increased usefulness the church is looking forward with confidence and expectation.

**Rev. Newton Marshall Hall** was born in Manchester, N. H. He was educated at Dartmouth college, from which he received the degrees A. B. and A. M., and at Andover Theological Seminary. Before graduating at Andover he was appointed "Ames

Professor of English Language and Literature" at Iowa college, the oldest and most important denominational college in the west. After two years of successful service here he was obliged to resign on account of ill-health. After a period of rest he accepted the call of the First Presbyterian church at Oneonta. Mr. Hall has found time amid other duties for considerable literary work, articles and poems from his pen having appeared in some of the leading periodicals. He is a member of the "Society of the Sons of the American Revolution."

**Briggs & Miller**, contractors and builders, and extensive dealers in lumber, wool, butter, hides and tallow, do a business amounting to \$100,000 a year. Both are prominent in public affairs and are identified with several local enterprises. Mr. Nathan H. Briggs has been in the lumber business for many years. He was born in Roseboom, Otsego county, December 30, 1846. Learning the carpenter's trade at an early age he followed that occupation, largely, until March, 1883, when he came to Oneonta and began taking contracts for large work. Two years later he formed a co-partnership with Wm. Scott, who

soon after withdrew. On July 7, 1888, the partnership of Briggs & Miller was formed, the latter, having already established a considerable business in produce. This firm has given employment to as many as sixty men, although on the average it keeps thirty hands at work. It has built several buildings in Oneonta including churches, schools, business blocks and many fine residences. The Briggs & Miller building on Main street, comprising three stories with an imposing front was constructed three years ago; also the Stevens & Hills and the B. L. Platt blocks. Mr. Briggs served as a village trustee for six years. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, is a zealous supporter of the Y. M. C. A. and is one of the directors of the Building and Loan Association. He married Hannah E. Congor, of Meredith, Delaware county, December 15,

1870. R. W. Miller was born in Oneonta March 26, 1846. For nineteen years he was engaged in the produce business, also buying hops; first with his father, D. M. Miller; afterwards in the firm of Miller, Vosburgh & Co. for five years, and about the same length of time in the firm of Vosburgh & Miller. He married Julia Delancy of South Edmoston, in 1871. He is a member of the Free Baptist church.

**Hartford D. Nelson** was born June 9, 1852, studied law with Hon. Jas. Stewart and was admitted to the bar September 16, 1875. Judge Nelson has been a justice of the peace in Oneonta from January 1, 1877 to December 31, 1884; member of assembly from the second Otsego district 1883 and 1884; and postmaster of Oneonta from July 1 to October 1, 1886, at which time he resigned that position to return to his law practice.

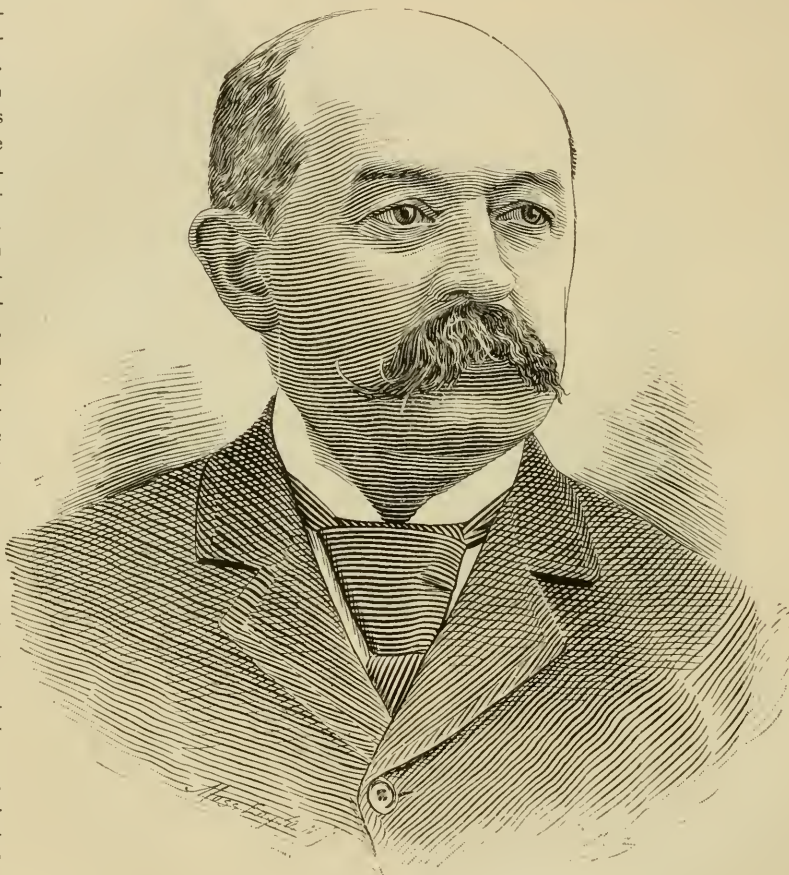
Hon. George Scrabble died January 30, 1887, being at the time of his death Otsego county judge, and on the 16th of February of the same year Governor Hill appointed Judge Nelson to fill the vacancy. At the succeeding election he was elected as county judge and at the end of his term January 1, 1884, he returned to his law practice.

Judge Nelson was married to Elizabeth Porter.

There are two

children now living, viz., Seward Nelson and Samuel B. Nelson, both of whom reside in Oneonta. Mr. Nelson is at present a trustee of the Normal training school, and is an ex-member of the board of trustees of the union school.

**D. A. Boardman**, the well-known manufacturer of harness, has been in business in Oneonta for the past twenty years. During that time he has made a reputation as a manufacturer of high-grade harness. He is the only man to cut and make an English coach harness, and his work has always been in great demand. The manufacture of harness, according to Mr. Boardman's policy, is gauged on the broad principle that a majority of the injuries to horses are due, in a measure, to the improper fitting



SENATOR WALTER L. BROWN.



and adjustment of harness, and in all cases he guarantees to remedy that evil. Mr. Boardman takes pride in the fact that his representations are always carried out to the letter. Things have greatly changed since Mr. Boardman learned the trade, and the prospects are that he will be obliged to put in machine-made harness. This will not prevent him from manufacturing to order when a customer desires hand-made work, both stylish and durable.

## ONEONTA—Traditions and Growth.

[By HARVEY BAKER.]

Oneonta is a pleasant Indian name. It dates back to a time when no European had entered the province of New York. Its early Indian name was spelled by the English Onahrieton, and is so spelled in the Otego land grant, which embraces a part of



T. E. MARSH'S DRUG STORE.

He learned the trade in 1860, and for years worked for Sheldon & Moore. Mr. Boardman has for years been actively interested in horses and all that pertains to their improvement. He is well known in trotting circles, and is interested in the movement to elevate that pastime.

**W. D. Fitzgerald.**—"Grip" takes pleasure in saying a few complimentary words of W. D. Fitzgerald, the popular manager of the Metropolitan Theatre. He is well known, and, above all, well liked by traveling managers and the theatre-going public. The latter have learned that he knows how to provide good attractions. Although one of the youngest managers in the country, he has proved to be a veteran in handling big attractions, handicapped as he is with a poor theatre. It is to be hoped that the time is not far off when he may have a theatre that will be a credit to Oneonta.

**The Oneonta Star Fife and Drum Corps** was organized in August, 1891, and the first appearance of the corps in public was on October 31st of that year. The name was given by *The Star*, Oneonta's lively daily newspaper. The corps presents a very nice appearance on the street and it is a pleasure to hear their music. Their motto is: "The Best in Central New York."

the town of Oneonta. The same name was given the creek passing through the village, and also to the old Indian village which once occupied the lands south of the Susquehanna and west of the Charlotte river. (In Indian the Charlotte river was called Adiquatang.) The later Indians and early white settlers



THE HIGH SCHOOL.

abbreviated many of the early names to the shorter ones now in use. Oquaga was formerly spelled Onuhhuhquaugh.

Our first knowledge of our State and country dates back to 1608, when the river St. Lawrence was dis-

covered and partially ascended. Previous to that time our State was occupied by a powerful tribe of Indians called Tuscaroras, and that north of the river St. Lawrence by a confederacy known as the "Five Nations."



CONGRESSMAN D. F. WILBER.

When the French ascended the river, at a place now known as the "Three Rivers," they found the "Five Nations" engaged in a bloody war with a tribe by the name of "Adirondacks." The French, not knowing either's strength, at once espoused the side of the weaker party, and by the use of fire-arms they overcame the "Five Nations" and drove them across the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario into the province of New York, where they at once formed a friendship with the Tuscaroras, who years afterward settled in the Carolinas. The valley of the Susquehanna was found to be the most desirable of all the Iroquois hunting and fishing grounds, and many important Indian villages were located therein. One was just east of Colliersville and north of the mouth of Schenevus Creek, one south of the Susquehanna and just west of the mouth of the Charlotte. This village was called Oneonta, and spelled as was the creek of the same name, about a mile west and north of it. The site of this old Indian village has produced the most advanced in ancient pottery of any within our valley. Willard Yager, and others of Oneonta, collected many valuable specimens of their old time Indian skill, which were mostly destroyed in the recent Normal School fire. Another large Indian village north of the Susquehanna river and east of the mouth of the Otego creek was called Wauteghe, with large clearings.

Johnson's Dream Land, of which Sims and other historians have written, is a part of Oneonta. In March, 1841, when I was stopping with Major Colliers, at Colliersville, he related to me what I believed to be the true version, viz.: "On one occasion when Chief Hendricks was the guest of Sir William Johnson over night he coveted a flashy

gold trimmed suit of clothes. In the morning he said to the baronet: 'Me dream last night!' 'What did my brother dream?' 'Me dream you gave me that suit of clothes.' His dream was realized. Some months later the Baronet and chief Hendricks happened to spend a night at the village of Wauteghe. Nearly opposite on the south side of the river rises three high hills, one nearly opposite, one above and the other below, either of which commands a view of the lands north of the river for about two miles below the village, and for a distance of about eight miles, to above Oneonta, with a clear view of the range of hills westerly and northerly of the river between these points. On the following morning on meeting the chief Sir William said: 'I too had a dream last night.' 'Ah,' quoth the chief, 'What did my pale-faced brother dream.' 'I dreamed that you gave me a deed of all the land I could see from yon eminence,' said Sir William at the same time pointing to the high hill opposite. Chief Hendricks stood for a few moments as if fully considering the matter. After a few moments thought he replied, 'You shall have it, but we will neither of us dream again.'"

The promise was kept and surveyor Cockran made the survey in 1750. Ten years later when the Otego grant or patent was surveyed the lines followed the Indian survey and the deeded grant from the English Crown in 1770. One thousand acres of that dreamland was sold by Johnson to Henry Scramling during the decade of 1760. The titles have always been known as the Johnson dreamland.

**Notable expeditions.**—On October 28th, 1778, Colonel William Butler, with an army of 260 officers and men, started from Fort Defiance, Schoharie, and marched by the way of Middleburg and the Charlotte to the ford above Colliersville, thence down the Susquehanna river, on its north side, along the old Indian trail, which passed through Oneonta vil-



EX-CONGRESSMAN WILBER'S MONUMENT.

lage near the present line of Main street. They crossed to the south side of the river near Ouleout creek; thence to Unadilla, destroying the grist and



saw mills, and most of the other buildings in that early town. They continued their raid down to Oquaga, and a few miles below, and then returned home via Oleout, the west branch of the Delaware and the Schoharie creek. The expedition was for the purpose to destroy the Tory and Indian prop-



HARTFORD D. NELSON, EX-COUNTY JUDGE.

erty in this village. The next important passage down the Susquehanna valley and river occurred in 1779, under the command of Gen. Clinton. This party, on the night of August 10, encamped on the farm of Joachim Van Valkenburgh, nearly opposite the present depot.

**The Town of Oneonta.**—About 1608, the Iroquois, or Five Nations, became its joint possessors. March 7th, 1788, a town called Otsego was formed, of which Oneonta was a part. February 16th, 1791, Otsego county was formed. The town of Unadilla was erected April 10, 1792. Otego and Suffrage were taken from Unadilla in 1796. In 1801 the name Suffrage was dropped, and Milford substituted. In 1822 the town of Huntsville was formed, and one tier of lots south of the river was taken from Delaware county and a part of Otego. When that change was made, Kortright, and later Davenport, extended down to the Huntsville line. In 1830, a new town of Otego was formed, and Huntsville discontinued, and the line of Milford extended westward to a line southwest of the Otego creek. The portion of Huntsville lying south and east of that, and south of the Susquehanna river was added to

Oneonta, and all west of Milford, as then made, was changed to, and still continues, to be Oneonta,

**Morris Brothers.**—The wholesale grain, flour and feed house of Morris Brothers, probably the largest establishment in that line on the D. & H. railroad between Albany and Binghamton, was established by George Reynolds and Albert Morris on November 2, 1866. It was first opened as a retail feed store in a small frame building which stood on a plot of ground which now constitutes a part of Chestnut street extension, facing Main street. Mr. Reynolds died in June, 1869, and was succeeded by Mr. William H. Morris, brother of Albert Morris, the two gentlemen who constitute the present firm, and who have since built up the large and extended business under the present firm name. In 1870 the business was removed to a two-story frame building, constructed for that purpose on Chestnut street, the site on which now stands the handsome and commodious three story brick block adjoining the Windsor hotel, constructed in 1882, in the place of the original building destroyed by fire. The latter had the ground area of 56 x 26 feet. The growth of the business demanded more room and the new building was constructed with an area of 80 x 30 feet.

It was the policy of the firm to build wisely and well—and their Chestnut street block is one of the most substantial in town—an ornament to the street.

The growth of the business of Morris Bros. was steady and in ten years following their removal to their new quarters, they had determined upon what



G. E. MOORE'S DRUG STORE.

has proven one of the most important departures in business enterprises that has marked the growth of the town. This was the erection of a four-story brick warehouse connected with a large store house and elevator facing Mechanic street near the head of Chestnut and overlooking the D. & H. railroad yards in the rear. The building is 40 feet wide and 180 feet in depth. The elevator 40 feet square and 65 feet high. The store has a floor space of 22,400 feet,

exclusive of the elevator. One thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight feet was sufficient in the beginning—thirty years ago. Four years afterwards it was increased to 3,368 feet and subsequently to 7,200 feet.

The warehouse capacity, which is used only for flour and feed in barrels, sacks and packages, is 50 car loads.

The elevator contains eighteen bins with the total capacity of 30,000 bushels or 1,800,000 pounds of grain. It is approached over a private side-track with room for eighteen cars. The weight of the grain and feed is obtained in car loads by means of a 60-ton Buffalo track scales, testing with the utmost accuracy to the maximum of 120,000 pounds.

Crosby & Co. (both Minneapolis mills), and the "Bridal Veil," from the Niagara Falls Mills. The firm has representatives constantly on the road extending its trade through Otsego, Delaware, Schoharie, Broome, Chenango, Ulster and Greene counties. It also supplies dealers and farmers direct with salt, all kinds of grains, seeds and seed grain, having a large trade in timothy and clover seed, seed oats, corn and barley. Alsike clover is also largely handled by this firm, who deal largely in rich, full cream cheese.

The Morris brothers are natives of the town of Milford, Otsego county, as was also their father, Richard B. Morris. Their mother was a Westcott, whose parents came from Connecticut. Both gentlemen are largely identified with the business and social interests of Oneonta and are foremost in projecting public improvement.



PROFESSOR N. N. BULL, Father of Oneonta Public Schools.

A portion of the building is divided into a suite of tastefully and conveniently fitted offices. The machinery for driving the elevator is set up in the basement and driven by water motor. The site upon which the building stands was originally a marsh, and it is therefore an important improvement in that part of the town.

Morris Bros. are large dealers in flour. One of their leading brands is the celebrated winter wheat production known as "Windsor's Best," made at Dowagiac, Mich., the large portion or nearly the whole output of which has for eighteen years been taken by this firm. They also handle the "Emperor," and the "Crown Roller," the productions of the Consolidated Milling Co.; the "Gold Medal," and the "Superlative" from Washburn.

Their great grandfather, Charles Morris, came from England and served in the American army in the battles of the revolution.

Albert Morris was born January 2, 1840. His early years were occupied in getting an education by his own efforts, earning means to carry him through school by working on a farm. He attended a select school at Oneonta when 18 years of age, afterwards attending the Hartwick academy, the school that was conducted in the old Cooper mansion at Cooperstown, and finally the Delaware literary institute at Franklin, Delaware county. On November 5, 1868, he married Miss Mary Birdsall of Oneonta. He is the president of the local board of education, of the Oneonta club and the Glenwood cemetery association; also a director in the Wilber National bank.





photo, by Young.

A. L. KELLOGG.

Mr. William H. Morris was born July 21, 1841. He was educated in the Oneonta school and the Delaware literary institute. At 20 years of age he enlisted in the First Engineering Corps, mustered in at Cooperstown, and served three years and four months in the war. He came to Oneonta in the spring of 1865, and during the balance of the year was engaged in the manufacture of cigars in the small frame building which still stands adjacent to the First National Bank. For about a year he was a member of the firm of Place & Morris, proprietors of the Susquehanna House. He is president of the local Normal school board, of which he has been a member for nine years, and is a director in the Oneonta Water Works Company, of which enterprise he was one of the projectors. He is a member of the Oneonta club. On January 23, 1866, he married Ada, the daughter of George Angell, of Schuylers Lake, Otsego county.

George I. Wilber, the president of the Wilber National Bank was born on Crumhorn Mountain in the town of Milford, Otsego county, September 30, 1845. His father, the Hon. David Wilber, was a native of Duaneburgh, Schenectady county. He founded a business after moving to Otsego county which was one of the most important in this part of the state.

From a small beginning in the nature of accommodation loans sprung the David Wilber bank, which was started at Milford about 1868, and which six years later gave place to the Wilber National bank at Oneonta. The Hon. David Wilber at the time of his death, April 1, 1890, was a large property owner, a man who was widely known as having served in Congress from what was then the Otsego, Schoharie and Herkimer district, and a public spirited citizen who had done very much in advancing the interests of the town. He left two boys, George I. and the Hon. D. F. Wilber, now representative in Congress. The former, the subject of this sketch, attended school at Cooperstown and at Cazenovia Seminary, and was graduated from the latter institution in 1866. From 1867 to 1873 he was engaged largely in the hop business, with headquarters at Milford. Upon the removal of the bank to Oneonta in 1873 he was appointed cashier, which position he held up to the time of the death of his father, when he succeeded the latter as president. Mr. Wilber has since managed the business and the large property interests, for which the foundation was laid by his father, and which have grown to considerable importance, by conservative methods and careful attention to details. His time is occupied with a large number of outside matters in addition thereto, and withal, he is a busy man. He is a director in the Albany & Susquehanna railroad, a director of the Oneonta Union Agricultural Society, the president of the New York State Association of Union Agricultural Societies, of which he was one of the promoters, and a member of the local board of the Oneonta State Normal school. He has spent much of his personal time for the purpose of enhancing the welfare of the Union Agricultural Societies, and was active in the procurement of a law placing such societies on the same basis as the county societies. He was the first to suggest a State normal school



THE ONEONTA CLUB. DIETZ AND REYNOLDS STS.

for Oneonta, making the proposition to the Hon. Frank Arnold, who was then member of assembly, and securing that loyalty on the part of the assemblyman, which resulted in the passage of the bill. Before the matter was discussed in the least, either by word or mouth or in newspaper columns, Mr. Wilber had secured the promise of the Hon. Frank



C. F. SHELLAND.

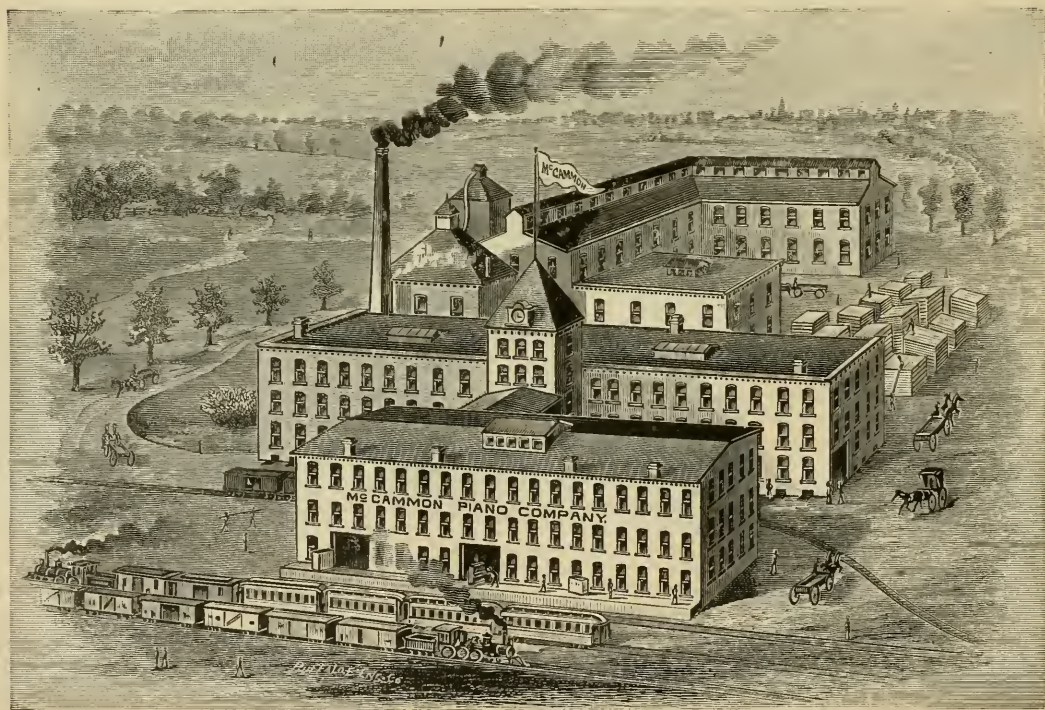
GEORGE BAIRD.

Arnold to introduce such a bill and get it passed; and in spite of the opposition he encountered, much of which came from his own home, he kept his pledge and Oneonta was the beneficiary. Until this year Mr. Wilber was at the head of the Oneonta street car line which was established by his father and brother. He is the president of the Oneonta Water Works Company, of which he is one of the organizers; president of the Worcester Water Co., of Worcester, N. Y., and a trustee and the vice-president of the Glenwood Cemetery Association. He married Anna Diefendorf of Seward, Schoharie county, July 31, 1872. He is closely identified with village affairs generally, and renders considerable

assistance to worthy objects which appeal to private means for support.

**The Firm of L. H. and C. D. Townsend**, successors to L. B. Lennon in the hardware business, located in Oneonta, at the place they now occupy, January 14, 1896. The store is 120 feet deep by 24 feet wide, with a cellar comprising the same amount of space and with 90 feet on the second floor and 60 on the third. It was found necessary to enlarge the store by adding 30 feet after this firm took possession, such was the increase of stock over that carried by its predecessor. Its trade in stoves, ranges and heaters started in the first year with flattering prospects. The firm also engages considerably in copper and tin work, and carries a full line of hardware, including paints, oils, glass, etc. It does all kinds of plumbing after approved methods deemed necessary to insure perfect sanitary conditions. A leading range is the Sterling, for which this firm has the exclusive agency in Oneonta and vicinity. The Townsend brothers are from Greene county. Both were born in Greenville: Lucius H., March 21, 1860, and Charles D., June 24, 1865. The former, after teaching for six years, went into the hardware business with S. H. Atwater, at Windham. He traveled a year and a half for Sahler, Reynolds & Webster, wholesalers of Kingston, and was bookkeeper for Henry E. Wieber of that city. He married Ella Graham of Windham, March 26, 1886. His brother was engaged in the produce and general store business in Greene county for five years before coming to Oneonta. He married Lucia M. Osborne of Windham, February 26, 1896. Both are members of the masonic order.

**The Methodist Episcopal Society**, of Oneonta, was organized by the formation of the first class in 1830 by the Rev. George Harmon. It consisted of fifteen members, with D. F. Clark as leader, and was for



THE MCCAMMON PIANO CO'S WORKS.



many years a part of the old Otsego circuit. The first house of worship was built in 1844. At that time the Rev. George Elliot was the preacher in charge and Rev. Lyman Sperry, presiding elder. The building cost \$1,500. The first stationed preacher at Oneonta was the Rev. W. C. McDonald.

A new church building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. R. W. Peebles. It was dedicated June 3d, 1869. It cost \$8,000. This building was enlarged during the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Richardson at a cost of \$13,000. In 1895 Mrs. David Wilber presented the church with a handsome pipe organ built by Hook & Hastings, of Boston, costing \$3,500. To provide a place for the magnificent organ, and to afford added seating capacity, the church was again enlarged. The present membership of the church is 783. The church property, which includes church, pastor's home and district parsonage (the latter a gift from George I. Wilber), is valued at \$45,000. The officary of the church at the present time is composed of Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, presiding elder; Rev. J. Elliot Bone, pastor.

Board of Trusetes:  
George I. Wilber,  
George Reynolds,  
James Roberts, J. O. Rowe.

Board of Stewards:  
J. O. Rowe, P. R. Young, William Edmunds, Charles Ausicker, L. B. Lennon, T. K. Mosher, S. C. Niles, Harry W. Lee, A. D. Rowe, M. H. Bissell, I. S. Dauley, E. T. Uan Buren, O. B. Rowe.

The pastors who have served the church since its organization, and in the order given, are: C. Robinson, W. G. Queal, S. M. Horde, D. L. Pendell, G. Parsons, P. T. Hughston, H. N. Van Deusen, R. W. Peebles, A. Griffin, I. N. Pardee, W. B. Westlake, Y. C. Smith, A. B. Richardson, D. C. Olmstead, O. H. McAnulty, J. Elliot Bone.

The Oneonta chapter of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church was organized November 23d, 1889, with twenty-seven charter members. Mr. Harry W. Lee was the first president. The devotional meetings are held Sunday evening one hour before the preaching service, and are largely attended. Business meetings are held once a month. Each department of the league is doing good work, and no auxiliary of the church is making itself felt more than the Epworth League. Its present membership is 180, and its officers are: President, Henry T. Conkling; first vice-president, Edgar T. Van Buren; second vice-president, Mrs. A. P. Disbrow; third vice-president, Silas I. Wright; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Maria Van Cleft; secretary, Charles J. Beams; treasurer, Herbert W. Scott; organist, Mrs. Zilpha Church; chorister, John B. Van Dusen.

The Junior League of the M. E. church was organized July 26, 1891, with a membership of forty-seven, and with Miss Elvira Chandler for superintendent. The membership now numbers eighty. The league has been divided into three classes, primary, intermediate and graduating class. The last class is being prepared for entrance into the Senior League. Each department has a leader, Mrs. A. W. Abrams having charge of the primary class, Mrs. A. E. Merritt the intermediate, and Mrs. H. T. Conkling the graduating class. At the last election the following officers were elected: President, Otis Eaton; first vice-president, Sarah Marsh; second vice-president, Laura Disbrow; third vice-president, Cora Eaton; fourth vice-president, Stanley Young; secretary, Edwina Franklin; treasurer, Arthur Hurlbutt; organist, Nellie Hague.

**The Railroad Business** at this station is the largest of any on the Susquehanna division of the D. & H. railroad. During the past fifteen years there has been a marked increase in local freight. Upwards of one-hundred million pounds of freight, exclusive of coal, is received annually for local delivery, con-

sisting chiefly of grain, flour, feed and lumber. The cash receipts for freight charges are more than one hundred thousand dollars annually. The passenger business is proportionately large. Passengers from East and West trains bound for several small but flourishing towns which are connected with Oneonta by stage lines, get off at this station, as Oneonta is considerable of a distributing point. The cash receipts for the sale of tickets amount to \$50,000 annually. Up to about five years ago the ticket busi-



GEORGE I. WILBER.

ness was in charge of the freight agent. At that time the present ticket agent, Mr. Thomas H. White was appointed and he has proven to be the right man, being courteous to all and consequently popular. Mr. Henry T. Conkling is the freight agent. He is an active, conscientious business man and has given the best of satisfaction. He was appointed August 1, 1895. Paul Wadsworth is the general freight agent with headquarters in Albany, and Charles Wadsworth, his brother, is the freight agent at Binghamton. The Oneonta freight office was opened for business August 28, 1865. The freight office has been burned twice. Peter M. Banta was the first agent. Following came A. L. Sabin, Jeffers Emmons, Paul Wadsworth and Charles Wadsworth, each serving from one to three years. In the fall of 1875, Mr. B. H. Loring was appointed to that position and he served until he was succeeded by Mr. Conkling.

**Fifty Thousand Dollars** a month. That is the approximate amount of money which is paid out by the D. & H. railroad company in wages to men who live in Oneonta. The principal car and locomotive repairing and building shops are located at this place.



ALBERT MORRIS.

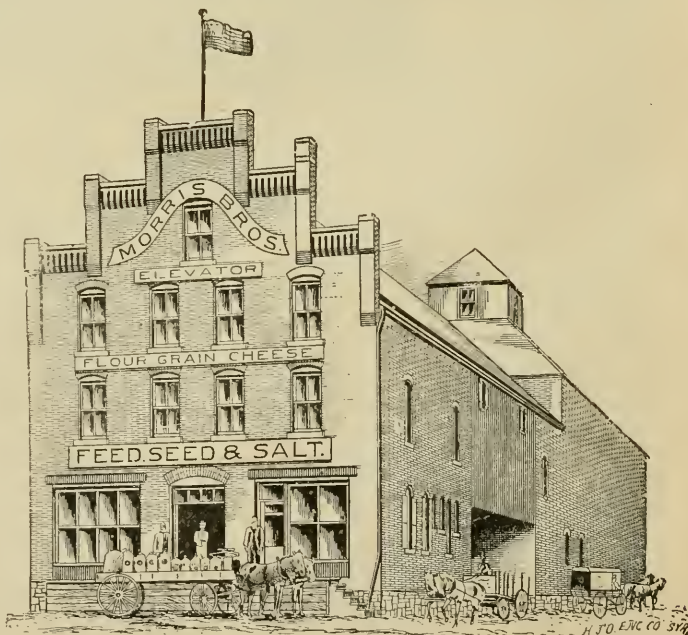
WILLIAM MORRIS.

They were built in the spring of 1872, occupying a central position relative to the yards, with excellent drainage and a large tract of surrounding country upon which pretty residences have since been erected. Here are the headquarters for engine dispatching and also where most of the rolling stock for the Susquehanna division is kept in order. Oneonta is a division terminus for all engineers and firemen and all freight crews. There are reporting at this point about 500 railroad men, besides there being employed in the shops about 450 men. The shops built of iron and brick include six large buildings aggregating about 2,000 lineal feet in extent. This does not include two round-houses with the capacity of accommodating 35 engines. There are in service on this road, between Albany and Binghamton, 130 engines and from 90 to 95 are put through the shops every year. The rebuilding of locomotives constitutes a considerable part of the work in the Oneonta shops. In not a few instances, entirely new locomotives are constructed here, the shops being fitted with all the modern improvements for lifting by hydraulic power and moving heavy work. Since 1889 the following locomotives have been built here: Nos. 182, 183 and 205, large passenger engines. Nos. 264, 226, 227, 150, 228, 248, 147, 270, 259, 258, 268, 257, 260, 254, 255, 271, 274. Mr. R. C. Blackall is the superintendent of locomotives and rolling stock with headquarters in Albany. Mr. C. O. Beach is the dispatcher of engines between Oneonta and Binghamton. His office is in the Oneonta shops. Mr. H. C. Smith is the master mechanic in charge of the work at this place and Mr. J. R. Skinner is the master car builder. The master mechanics office, together with the engine dispatcher's and Store

keeper's department, occupies a building 80 x 40 feet. The clerks in the master mechanic's office are: C. J. Norton, chief clerk; James Richmond, assistant, J. C. Ritter and Earll Hall; storekeeper, F. I. Helm; J. Norton and Stanley Barber, clerks. The boiler shop, in charge of Floyd Harris, is 75 x 75; the blacksmith shop, George Powell, foreman, 150 x 40. Horace Card is general foreman of the machine and locomotive repair shops; E. R. Norton is clerk. This building is 350 x 80. The car shop, main building, is 250 x 80; there are two other buildings for this work. R. Downes is foreman in the paint shop. There is coal storage for 300 tons, for the use of the engines, with pocket capacity for loading six or eight tons in a tank in one or two minutes.

The Mutual Benefit association of the employees of the railroad shops was organized in June, 1879. This provides for every member in good standing while sick five dollars a week, the payments limited to thirteen consecutive weeks. The assessment on the death of a member is \$1 per capita, on the death of a member's wife, 50 cents per capita. The number of members June, 1896, was 189. The benefits paid in seventeen years, amount to \$16,366.80. The officers: President, E. A. Matteson; Secretary, F. Avery; Treasurer, J. S. Massett.

The McCammon Piano Company was organized under the laws of the State of New York, September 1, 1891. It was practically the reorganization and removal from Albany to this city of an old and well established piano manufacturing company, which was founded in 1832, and which had acquired a well deserved reputation throughout this country. Passing into the hands of Oneonta parties as it did at that time with an infusion of fresh capital and business energy, the plant was placed on an entirely new footing, where it has since grown and developed into what is at present an institution second to none in this State. With all the modern facilities, in quarters furnishing an abundance of room, with the employment of expert help and having the ad-



MORRIS BRO'S STORE AND ELEVATOR.



vantages of modern machinery and the utilization of the very best conveniences, the Company is manufacturing instruments that are unrivaled in mechanical construction, unsurpassed in elegance of design and unexcelled in tone.

The works are equipped with the latest and most approved facilities and the construction of the instruments comprise the best and most delicate inventions calculated to produce those superior qualities that have placed the McCammon piano in the lead. The tone of this instrument, adjusted by patent scales, used exclusively by this company, which guarantees additional merits not found in any other make, is at once striking and pleasing, combining great volume and richness with sympathetic timbre throughout. A deep, resonant bass, round brilliant treble, great

works. All kinds of wood are used, such as light and dark mahogany, circassian, French, Japanese and Italian walnut, quartered oak, rosewood and ebony. Three styles of instruments are manufactured: Style 7 (upright); height, 4 feet 6 inches; width, 5 feet; seven and one-third octaves; overstrung scale; three strings throughout; patent action; new sliding desk; engraved and carved panels; three pedals; full iron plate; continuous hinges; ivory keys. Style 14 (upright); height 4 feet 8 inches; width, 5 feet 2 inches; seven and one-third octaves; three strings throughout; grand rolling back-board, etc. Style 21 (upright) is particularly designed to fill the place of a large parlor grand without requiring as much space. It has all the volume and tonal attributes of the best grand. Height, 4 feet 10 inches; width, 5 feet 6 inches. All pianos



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MAIN STREET LOOKING EAST FROM CHESTNUT.

singing quality and evenness of scale, have made it justly popular with pianists and vocalists. This company uses a patent upright piano action which enables it to produce a remarkable touch, light, responsive and elastic, the performer being enabled without apparent effort to produce the most difficult pianissimo or fortissimo effects by the touch alone. Nothing but the best material enters into the construction of these pianos and none but the most skilled artisans are employed. Each department is under the supervision of an expert foreman. A complete record is kept of each and every man's work for each day in the year, his position depending upon the quality of his work. All material is carefully tested, and every detail of the slightest nature is looked after. The dry kilns having accommodations sufficient for seasoning a half million feet of lumber, are important adjuncts to these large

are constructed with the McCammon patented separable cases, their improved rolling fall board, their pin block, constructed of veneers of maple to prevent splitting or warping, their patent music desk to be drawn out for use and their improved key and action buttons to insure lineage of keys and free action.

The works are located at the foot of Rose avenue, near the street railway, and alongside of the D. & H. railroad from which they are entered by a branch track. They comprise eight buildings with facilities for turning out fifty high grade pianos a week. The grounds comprise five acres affording ample room for enlargement. The buildings are connected with an internal railroad, communicating with various departments, and are filled with electric bells and speaking tubes which connect the office with every department. There is here in use the Bundy time recorder. The board of directors are: George B. Baird, President; R. B. Baird, vice-president; C. F. Shelland, secretary and treasurer; Hon. D. F. Wilber and S. M. Baird.



R. W. MILLER.

N. H. BRIGGS.

## ONEONTA.

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Professor Brander Matthews, in an article entitled "On the Poetry of Place Names," quotes Robert Louis Stevenson as follows: "When I heard that the stream over which we passed was called the Susquehanna, the beauty of the name seemed part and parcel of the beauty of the land. As when Adam with divine fitness named the creatures, so this word Susquehanna was at once accepted by the fancy. That was the name, as no other could be, for that shining river and desirable valley."

It is eminently appropriate that the fair city which sits by the "shining river," and is the pride of the "desirable valley," of the Susquehanna should also have a distinctive American name. Other towns may boast the distinguished name of some worthy progenitor and flaunt the proud title of "Higginsville" or "Platt's Corner" or "Griggstown" in the face of an envious world, but when I climb our surrounding hills and look across, through autumn haze, or the clear air of spring, to the opposite mountain wall, I am glad that the city which nestles below me has a name which rhymes with the flow of brooks and the rustle of the wind among the leaves.

But if any misguided individual, who sees our poetic name in atlas or railway guide, fancies that we are a Rip Van Winkle community of day dreamers he is much mistaken.

The sun looks down upon no town more active, energetic and enterprising. Who has not heard of the name and fame of the "Oneonta Normal School," the finest in the United States, so it is ranked by competent judges. If you examine the magnificent locomotive which carries your flying train over the "Delaware and Hudson" system you will very likely find that it was built at the "Oneonta shops." Upon pianos, bicycles, woolen goods and other manufactured articles the "Oneonta" stamp is the sufficient guarantee of excellence.

Taking Oneonta as a center and drawing a circle, you must make the radius nearly sixty miles before the wide sweep of the circumference will touch a city of equal size and importance. This broad extent of territory is a rich agricultural and dairy district. Twenty-two smaller, tributary towns make Oneonta the objective point of business, and find here their railroad, shipping and billing point. This fact accounts for the important wholesale trade in groceries, flour, feed and hops which is managed so successfully by our large business houses. It is a factor also in the active retail trade, which contributes so much to the prosperity of the town.

With its fine water supply, its complete sanitary system, electric lights and electric road, soon to be, Oneonta is a most delightful place of residence. It is emphatically a city of homes. Few communities can boast a larger proportion of people who live in comfortable, homes of their own making. This is the reason, perhaps, why society is so homogeneous and hospitable so gracious and unassuming. The people are not wholly devoted to business pursuits; while they labor with great energy to develop their commercial resources, they are not unmindful of the higher interests of life. The public schools have a wide reputation for careful and thorough instruction. The churches are, without exception, well attended and well supported, while various societies and clubs minister to social and literary tastes.



Photo. by Smith.

BURR MATTICE'S RESIDENCE, MAIN STREET.

It may be said, with truth, by one who is disposed to be critical, that we have few public buildings, and are deficient in those institutions which are so important to the public life of a city. It must be remembered, however, that Oneonta is young, that its growth from a country village to a town of importance has been a matter of a few years. With increasing size wealth and opportunity will come: no doubt a larger civic consciousness, a more generous provision for the enjoyment of our common municipal life.



Dr. George F. Entler, widely known as a successful surgeon, was born in Windsor, Berkshire County, Mass., February 4, 1850. His father, George R. Entler, was a congregational clergyman,

April, 1886, was appointed to the Yatesville charge, remaining there two years. In the spring of 1888 he was sent to Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he remained five years. In 1893 he was stationed at Oneonta, where he is serving his fourth year.



Photo. by Smith.

HENRY SAUNDER'S BOOK STORE.

a Virginian by birth, of German descent. Both parents are buried at Pittsfield, Mass., where Herbert L., one of their two children, is living. Dr. Entler attended school at Riverhead, L. I., and at Meredith and Franklin, Delaware County, graduating from the Delaware Literary Institute at the latter place in 1867. Having inclinations for the drug business, he found employment as clerk with Dr. Calhoun, in Delhi. In 1871-2 he was in a drug store at Oil City, Pa., and in 1873-4 was with William Dickerman on South Pearl Street, Albany. In that city he took two terms in surgery. Then he obtained employment with Thomas H. Rockwell, Oneonta, and subsequently with C. C. Jadwin, at Honesdale, Pa. In the spring of 1877 he entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, provided with means from what he had saved up to that time. He took three courses in surgery lectures, replenishing his funds from his earnings as a drug clerk, and on March 12, 1879, he was graduated with honors from that institution. He then came to Oneonta and began the practice which he has since continued with remarkable success. The doctor has performed many difficult operations, which have given him a deserved reputation. Being an authorized surgeon for the D. & H., the number of accident cases among railroad employees which have come into his hands is probably much larger than falls to the lot of the ordinary surgeon. He is a member of the State Association of Railway Surgeons and the Otsego County Medical Society. In 1876 he married Mary C. Peck, of Delhi, and she died a year afterwards. On June 3, 1879, he married Nellie E., the daughter of Charles W. Lewis, of Oneonta.

Rev. J. Elliot Bone, pastor M. E. church, was born in England June 25th, 1856. He was educated at Honesdale Academy, Wyoming Seminary, Central Pennsylvania College and Drew Theological Seminary. He united with the Wyoming Conference in

W. W. Darbee, who owns one of the largest stores in town, doing a leading business in books, periodicals, wall paper, and in fine printing and engraving, was born at Liberty, Sullivan County, September 15, 1850. He was educated in the Liberty Normal Institute, from which he was graduated. He started in business in Oneonta, September 15, 1874, in the Cohn Block. From there he removed to the Fritz Block, corner of Main and Chestnut streets, where he was burned out on the morning of March 22, 1888. A week after the fire he rented space in Stevens & Hill's store, then on Chestnut street, where he conducted a small news and stationery business. During

that year the Reynolds Block was built, and in March, 1889, he moved into it. Early in January, 1893, he moved into the corner store, now occupied by Reynolds & Son, and in March, 1896, he located in his present handsome and convenient quarters, the Ford & Ford Block, No. 141 Main street. His business has largely increased since then, and as he always carries the best in his line, his patrons are among the best in the town. On April 1, 1894 he added a department of job printing for supplying the demand for small stationery, including cards, letter and bill heads, wedding cards and invitations, and everything that is called for in that line. He makes a feature of fine



H. N. SMITH,

(The View Photographer for this Souvenir.)

engraved work. His stock includes all the popular works, stationery, law blanks, newspapers, periodicals, and all grades of wall paper. He is a member

of the Order of United Workingmen, in which he holds the office of financier. He married Jennie L. Palmer, of Oneonta, October 16, 1882, and Mrs. Darbee has assisted in the store ever since that time.



P. R. YOUNG.

**Mail Routes and Roads.**— Oneonta's first mail route was established in 1817. On May 9th James McDonald was appointed its first postmaster, and the office was kept for nearly a dozen years in his tavern, the building now standing on the northwest corner of Main and River streets. The route was up River street from Unadilla, thence up the river road to Cooperstown. Oneonta was first called McDonald's Bridge, then McDonald's Mills, and when a post-office was established it was named Milfordville. That name continued until 1832, when it was at the general United States post-office changed to Oneonta. The first sawmill was erected east of Main street, just northeast of the old McDonald house. The first wool-carding works was erected just below the sawmill a couple of years later. The first successful grist-mill was built about 1812, on the same site, and the same mill, only enlarged, still stands. In 1830 a law was passed ordering a survey of the Susquehanna river from "Otsego Lake to Tioga Point, or Chemung river, to ascertain the feasibility of slackwater navigation between those points." April 22, 1831, a charter was granted for the Oneonta and Franklin Turnpike Company. A part of the line, with one toll-gate, is still owned and managed by its successors. April 26, 1832, a charter was granted for a railroad from Cooperstown to Colliersville. At the same date a charter was granted for the Otsego and Schoharie railroad. April 25, 1832, a charter was granted for the Utica and Susquehanna railroad. These three charters were intended to connect Utica, Oneonta, Cooperstown, Colliers and Schoharie by railroad. May 18, 1836, a railroad charter was granted from Cherry Valley by the way of the Susquehanna to intersect the Erie. At this early day Collier and Goodyear,

of Milford, and Dietz Angel and others, of Oneonta, were the moving spirits in these early turnpike and railroad enterprises. Angel was the moving spirit in pushing through in 1835 the construction of the turnpike line through Oneonta by the way of Gilbertsville and Otsdawa and the Charlotte to Catskill. In November, 1845, a railroad meeting was held at Van Tuyl's tavern in Richmondville, Schoharie county. Jared Goodyear, of Colliersville, and Harvey Baker of Oneonta, attended the meeting and were efficient with others in arranging for putting the proposed railroad in progress. It was to extend from Schenectady to Binghamton. At that meeting Harvey Baker of Oneonta, and Demosthenes Lawyer, of Cobleskill, were chosen secretaries. The meeting was large and enthusiastic. The crowd was ably addressed by Jedediah Miller and General Lawyer of Lawyersville, and Lawyer Smith and others, of Cobleskill, were able and efficient. It was arranged that application should be made at the approaching legislature for a charter, and the necessary action was taken. Aid for such an enterprise had been promised from Boston, and a committee was appointed to meet and confer with them. Harvey Baker was elected one of such committee. The necessary notices were published, and at the opening of the legislature Colonel W. W. Snow was sent to Albany to attend to the passage of the bill. On the 4th day of May, 1846, a charter was granted "For the Schenectady and Susquehanna Railroad to the Erie at Binghamton." Among the directors named in the charter in this vicinity were Seth Chase and Leonard Caryl



P. R. YOUNG'S RESIDENCE, WEST STREET.

of Worcester, Jared Goodyear of Milford, Eliakim, R. Ford of Oneonta, and George H. Noble of Unadilla. The Schenectady people failed to give satisfactory interest to the project, and a survey was made from Quaker Street through the Bosakill and Normanskill creeks to Albany. The first meeting was held at the hotel of John M. Watkins in Oneonta, Harvey Baker sending the invitations. On April 2, 1865 the organization of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad was perfected, 325 stockholders subscribing for 1,441 shares. The road was opened to Oneonta August 24th, 1865, and the event was celebrated on the 29th. In February, 1870, the road was leased to the D. & H. C. Co. for ninety-nine years.

[HARVEY BAKER.]



Edward D. Lewis, the Jeweler at Main and Broad streets, was for fourteen years with C. E. Ford, whom he succeeded. On April 1st, 1897, this business will have been conducted in the same place for twenty-four years. Mr. Ford succeeded P. C. Burton on April 1, 1873. The latter had been in the business



C. F. BAYLIS.

for sixty years. So it may be said that it is the oldest in town, with the remarkable record of nearly a century duration. The stock carried by this house is equal in size, in variety of goods and in all that is new and stylish, to that of many large retail stores in considerably larger towns, comprising the best productions of leading manufacturers, and including an especially fine line of silverware. It is probably the largest between Albany and Binghamton. Mr. Lewis is a practical jeweler and is experienced in the repairing and regulating of time pieces. That department is an important part of his business. Being the official watch inspector for the D. & H. Railway Company, at Oneonta, to whom the engineers and conductors are required to go for the certificate showing their watches to be reliable and accurate, he exercises supervision over several hundred time-pieces. Mr. Lewis was born in Cooperstown, Oct. 24th, 1854. In 1876 he entered the employ of Thomas Johnson, at Elmira, and three years later came to Oneonta, where he married Mary E. Pardee in 1888. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and the Oneonta club.

**The First Baptist Church.**—The oldest record of the church bears date of April 6, 1833, and consists of the minutes of a meeting of a few brethren and sisters at the residence of Hiram McCall, on Maple street, at which it was voted to call a meeting for the organization of a Baptist church in Oneonta. Later, an organization was effected. James Slade and David Yager were chosen deacons and Ira Babcock clerk. The following eighteen names were enrolled as members: James Slade, Jacob Yager, Henry L. Miller, Polly Yager, Emily Yager, Phœbe Babcock, David Yager, Peter Yager, Nathaniel Edmonds, Samantha Yager, Catherine Miller, Maria Miller, John S. Yager, Solomon Yager, Ira Babcock, Sally Yager, Catherine Miller, Catherine Yager. At the close of the minutes, Sylvanus Smith, acting clerk, subsequently licensed to preach, records the following prayer: "Oh, that Heaven would smile on this little vine, which we humbly hope and believe He has

planted in this place. For the sake of the Redeemer, who stands praying the Father to bring the ransomed sinners home." April 24, 1833, a council, consisting of delegates from Milford, Huntsville, or Otego as now called, East Meredith, Franklin and Laurens, met in the Presbyterian church, and the church was regularly organized. For a few months services were held once in four weeks in the Presbyterian church, Elder Sweet acting as supply. During the summer of 1833 Rev. D. B. Crane, of West Meredith, became the first pastor, and preached for two years in the old red school house which stood near the corner of Main and Broad streets. April 13, 1834, the land on which the church now stands was purchased from Roderick Emons and William Angel, for the sum of \$150. This included the lot facing Main street, now occupied by the Rockwell block, which was sold when the church was rebuilt in 1883-4. March 23, 1834, Eliakim R. Ford was received into membership, one who from that time until his death, July 23, 1873, a period of 40 years, was truly a "pillar of the church." One of Oneonta's most prominent and successful business men, ever taking an active interest in everything pertaining to the good of the town, he carried his business into his religion, and his religion into his business. Of him it may truthfully be said that he was "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." It might not be inappropriate to state, at this point, also that his family has always been during the past, and is at present, one of the most prominent, active and faithful ever connected with the church. Among others mentioned who served the church faithfully and well during its early history were James Slade, Potter C. Burton, Deacon Josiah Farmer and Nathaniel Edmonds. In 1835 the first church edifice was erected. The building stood upon the site not far distant from that now occupied by the parsonage and faced the main street. The



H. F. VAN WOERT.

structure erected in 1835 still stands and is that portion now occupied by the church parlors and upon which is the belfry. The church building was repaired in 1867-68 under the direction of Rev. A. Reynolds, at a cost of nearly \$3,000, and was finally, during the pastorate of E. D. Clough, entirely rebuilt

and greatly enlarged to accommodate the increased membership. This was during the years of 1883 and 1884, and was done at the expense of nearly \$7,000. Early in 1836, according to the records bearing that date, "James Slade, David Yager and Silvanus Smith were appointed to hire a man to preach for us," Rev. D. B. Crane, the first pastor, having resigned. The record continues, "Elder John Smith came and preached for us the Sabbath or two following, and we, the chosen brethren, agree to hire him; also agree to find him a suitable house to live in, furnish him with firewood, and give him \$200 per year." The pastorate of Elder Smith was the most remarkable, at least for its length, in the history of the church, lasting from December, 1835, to March, 1848, over twelve years, and after an absence of ten years he was recalled and again served the church from February 13, 1858, until March 11, 1865, nine-

mentioned. He was followed by the Rev. A. Reynolds, still living and still greatly beloved by this church. He entered upon his work June 11, 1865, serving the church as one of its most enthusiastic and successful pastors for over five years, or September 25, 1870. During the second year of this pastorate the church enjoyed a second memorable revival, sixty-five uniting with the church in one year. It was also during the pastorate of Rev. Reynolds that the church underwent extensive repairs and renovating. For a year after the resignation of this pastor the pulpit was filled by temporary supplies. Rev. G. R. Burnside next became pastor, beginning his services November 1, 1871, and continuing until April 12, 1874. The following Sunday Rev. H. Brotherton began his labors with the church and remained six years until 1880. He was succeeded by Rev. P. D. Root, who served three years,



Photo. by Smith.

WALNUT STREET, LOOKING EAST.

teen years and five months in all. In June, 1848, Rev. Homer Clark became pastor and served something less than a year, closing his pastorate in March, 1849. In August of the same year Rev. A. B. Earle, who has since become the widely known and eminently successful evangelist, entered upon the pastorate, and with great ability served in this capacity for four years, or until March 27, 1853. During the first year of his work in the church, an extensive revival took place and fifty-one united with the church. From March, 1853, until January, 1854, the church was again without a pastor. January 7, 1854, Rev. Erastus Westcott was chosen to this office, and faithfully served the church until July 12, 1857. From July, 1857, until February, 1858, Rev. C. M. Pattengil served as regular supply. On February 13, 1858, Rev. John Smith entered upon his second pastorate, which has already been

until 1883. In 1883 the church entered upon its most successful decade. For a few years following the church received most substantial additions from neighboring towns, especially Morris and Milford. During these years the church had been thoroughly organized, the finances had been placed on a substantial basis and the membership increased from 197 to over 500. In 1883 Rev. E. D. Clough became the pastor of the church and served for three years, until 1886. During this pastorate the present church edifice was built and the membership increased 121, or from 197 to 318. In 1886 Rev. A. B. Coats began a most brilliant and successful pastorate of over four years, during which the parsonage was built and the membership increased by 122, or from 318 to 440. May 1, 1891, Rev. C. C. Pierce began his work with the church. During his pastorate 149 were added to the church, 87 by baptism. The greatest



number of additions by baptism during any one year of the church is 71. On April 19, 1896, Rev. C. C. Pierce tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and on July 12, 1896, the church extended



M. GURNEY.

a call to the Rev. E. J. Farley, who accepted and began his labors September 1, 1896, since which time the church has been crowded to its utmost capacity at every service. During the sixty-three years of its history the church has contributed to all benevolences something over \$8,000, of which \$4,200 has been contributed during the past thirteen years. The church is in a very prosperous condition at the present time, and will soon need a larger house of worship.

The Home Mission Society of the First Baptist Church was organized in the church parlors October 1, 1892. Mrs. P. Holmes was appointed chairman of the meeting and Mrs. C. C. Pierce secretary. The following officers were elected: Miss Carrie Andrews, president; Mrs. C. C. Pierce, vice-president; Mrs. P. Holmes, secretary; Mrs. E. E. Beals, treasurer. On account of other duties, Miss Andrews resigned and Mrs. Beals was elected president.

The object of the society is to cultivate a missionary spirit in the church and aid the National Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society in its work of Christianizing the dark homes of our country. The society also helps the poor of the church and congregation, clothes destitute children to enable them to attend Sunday school, raises money to help carry on missionary work in the cities and support women missionaries in the west and south.

Mrs. C. C. Pierce organized the society, and was one of its most earnest workers while Mr Pierce was pastor of the church. Mrs. D. R. Kenyon is president at the present time.

**Rev. E. J. Farley**, pastor of the First Baptist church, situated on Grove street, is a native of Washington county, this State. There he was born and lived, toiling on the farm and teaching school till 1879, when he entered Colgate University to secure an education as a preparation for the ministry. Nine years of study and he graduated in June 1885 from the Hamilton Theological Seminary. In the meantime he has preached continuously four and one-half years in connection with his college and seminary course, supplying for six months the Baptist church of Ilion and Mohawk in this State, acting as pastor for two years of the East Green Baptist church in Chenango county, N. Y., and later taking charge of the South New Berlin Baptist church in the Unadilla valley. At this place he received papers of ordination to the Gospel ministry. September 16, 1885. In the spring of '86 he was called to the pastorate of the Stillwater Baptist church, Stillwater, N. Y. There he labored successfully almost seven years, during which time, substantial additions were made to the church, and the church property was greatly improved. The next three years and one-half were spent with the First Baptist church, Malone, N. Y., where large additions were made and Mr. Farley strongly entrenched himself in the affections, not only of his own people but of the entire community. The first of September '96, he entered upon the pastorate of the First Baptist church of this village, and already has a large place in the hearts of the people. He is evangelical and earnest in his preaching, warm hearted and sympathetic in his pastoral labors and believes profoundly in the Old Gospel. He is happy in his family, consisting of wife and four children, and is looking forward to a long and happy pastorate with the Oneonta people.

**St. James Church.**—The history of the Episcopal church in Oneonta is that of a weak little mission, with a half dozen communicants and no property in



GEORGE BAIRD'S RESIDENCE, CHESTNUT AND CHURCH STS.  
Photo. by Van Woert.

1839, struggling persistently on through successes and failures, into a vigorous and influential parish of two hundred and fifty communicants in 1896; with a substantial and well-furnished stone church, and a handsome and convenient rectory.

In 1839, under the direction of Bishop Onderdonk,



of New York, the Rev. Andrew Hull was appointed missionary for Otsego and Oneonta. He officiated at Oneonta in the village school house every other Sunday for about a year. Meanwhile a small chapel was being erected on Main street opposite Broad,

At this time the services were held in Blend's Hall on Main street, and there were connected with the church seventeen families, including about twenty communicants and a small number of children in the Sunday school.



POSTMASTER KIRKLAND AND STAFF.

and on its completion the owners of the property, R. J. Emmons and others interested in the success of the church, gave the use of the building to the congregation.

It was used as a place of worship for only a few months, when the missionary resigned his post; the building reverted to its owners, and was finally sold and used for secular purposes.

Bishop Onderdonk visited Oneonta soon after the congregation began to worship in the chapel, and confirmed three persons. This is the first record of a confirmation in Oneonta. Bishop Wainwright, of New York, visited the town in 1853, and again the next year, but there is no record of any confirmations by him on either occasion.

Indeed, it seems that very little was done for sustaining the work after the departure of Mr. Hull, until in 1864 the rector of Zion Church, Morris, the Rev. D. S. Tuttle, gave the mission a new start by holding occasional services in the Free-will Baptist Church. In this building four persons were confirmed by Bishop Horatio Potter on the 31st of July, 1865. And here services continued to be held by the successive clergymen in charge for the next four or five years.

In 1869 Otsego county, having become a part of the newly formed Diocese of Albany, Bishop Doane visited Oneonta and confirmed three persons. Since that time he has visited the parish nearly every year, and there have been confirmed in all about two hundred persons.

On April 7th, 1870, the mission was organized as St. James' Mission, the Rev. L. H. Lighthipe being the minister in charge, with John Cope, warden; Dr. Meigs Case, treasurer, and James Cope, clerk.

The year 1871 was marked by two important events. For on the 4th day of April in that year the mission was legally incorporated as St. James' parish, electing two wardens and eight vestrymen; and on the 27th day of June in the same year the corner-



GEORGE F. ENTLER, M. D.

stone of the church, which now graces the junction of Main and Elm streets, was laid by Bishop Doane.

In both these events the Rev. Robert Washbon, the rector, and Mr. John Cope, the senior warden, were the moving spirits, and to their personal liberality and persistent efforts the parish is largely indebted for the success which, after several years of anxious toil, finally crowned the undertaking. It was not until Nov. 7th, 1890, however, that the

church, being entirely finished and paid for, was set apart by Bishop Doane from all worldly and unhal-  
lowed uses, and solemnly consecrated to the service  
and worship of Almighty God.

Ground was broken for the foundation of the  
rectory late in December, 1892, and the building  
was completed and ready for use by the 1st of June  
the following year. In the basement of the rectory  
a large room is provided for the meetings of the  
various parochial organizations. Of these there are  
several devoted to earnest Christian work along vari-  
ous lines, and they are intended to include all  
parishioners who are willing to take an active part  
in the Master's service. The present officers of the  
parish are: Rev. J. E. Bold, rector; John Cope and  
Richard Downes, wardens; J. D. Beach, A. W.  
Carr, S. S. Matteson, I. L. Pruyn, B. F. Sisson,  
H. B. Somers, James Stewart and R. M. Townsend,  
vestrymen.

F. L. Dibble, vice-president; Mrs. C. H. Bowdish,  
treasurer; Miss Vivian Herington, Secretary.

There is also a junior branch of the guild, and a  
boys' club, under the direction of proper officers.

#### KEY TO THE POST OFFICE FORCE.

[See page 34.]

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| 1—G. Kirkland, Postmaster. | 2—J. F. Hynes, Assistant. |
| 3—Solon E. Hopkins.        | 4—John W. Telford.        |
| 5—George E. Bond.          | 6—Wm. F. Wilson.          |
| 7—Charles H. Mahan.        | 8—Charles Southworth.     |
| 9—Clarence A. McMinn.      | 10—M. J. Hickey.          |
| 11—Homer J. Rogers.        |                           |

#### KEY TO STAR FIFE AND DRUM CORPS.

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| 1—Harry Bissell.   | 2—Louis Thurston.    |
| 3—Charles Rollins. | 4—Charles F. Farmer. |
| 5—Charles White.   | 6—Allen Ronnds.      |
| 7—Lyman J. Fisher. | 8—William H. Howard. |
| 9—Charles W. Coy.  | 10—Albert B. Bush.   |
| 11—Rudolf Powers.  |                      |

Powhattan Tribe, No. 51, I. O. R. M., consists of  
ninety members, and is constantly growing. A suite  
of four rooms on the upper floor of the Reynolds  
Block, which includes the wigwam and adjacent



THE STAR FIFE AND DRUM CORPS.

THE PARISH AID SOCIETY was organized on March  
15th, 1889, as an auxiliary to the vestry in raising  
money for the various departments of parochial  
work. In the fulfillment of its purpose it has been  
a marked success, having rendered efficient aid in  
many directions, especially in the improving of the  
church edifice and in the building of the rectory.  
The officers are: Mrs. Peter Weidman, president;  
Mrs. Silas S. Matteson, vice-president; Mrs. Meigs  
Case, treasurer; Mrs. R. M. Townsend, secretary.

THE ST. MARYS' GUILD was formed Oct. 15th, 1889,  
out of a Young Ladies' Society, which had been a  
working force in the parish for several years previ-  
ous to that date. Its object was an increased earn-  
estness in religious zeal, and more efficient work  
for Christ and His church. Its members take care  
of the chancel and altar, raise funds for parochial  
and mission work, and render assistance to the rec-  
tor and vestry along other lines. Altogether, the  
guild is a very important factor in the work of  
St. James' Church. The rector is president; Mrs.

apartments fitted up for a parlor, dining-room, and  
club purposes, constitute as cosy and comfortable  
quarters as any lodge or other organization in One-  
onta enjoys. The tribe has a collection of Indian  
weapons and belts, scalp locks, head-dress and  
buckskins, which are prized very highly. A wam-  
pum belt from the old Powhattan reservation in  
Virginia is one of the most valuable of these relics.  
The membership comprises many leading citizens.  
The charter is dated October 8, 1884. The officers  
are: Sachem, P. C. Tompkins; senior sagamore,  
Benjamin Pierce; junior sagamore, Dr. J. C. Smith;  
chief of records, E. J. Cass; prophet, C. M. Bing-  
ham; board of trustees, A. E. Ceperly, S. B. Borst,  
S. H. Brown.

Stevens & Hills are extensive dealers in all kinds  
of hardware, builders' supplies, stoves, ranges, etc.  
This business, established in 1881, under the firm  
name of Lennon & Stevens, has shown by its steady  
growth the possibility of that remarkable develop-  
ment in trade which has marked the past few years  
in the building up of Oneonta. In 1886 Mr. Lennon  
retired from the business, and in December, 1887,



Mr. Hills bought a half interest. The business was then conducted at No. 103 Main street. On April 1, 1892, it was removed to No. 124 Main street, where it was soon demonstrated that new and much larger quarters were needed. The firm broke ground for the large building which it erected especially for its own use in April, 1896. On Sept. 1, 1896, the firm



H. C. SMITH, MASTER MECHANIC D. & H.

had settled in its new home. This is a three-story and basement brick block with Ohio stone trimmings, 100 feet deep and 22 feet wide. It is a very handsome structure, enclosed with massive walls, and having a plate-glass front affording the prettiest show window for stoves and hardware between Albany and Binghamton. One feature of the business is the remarkably large and handsome variety of lamps, in which the firm has a flattering trade. The firm has all the facilities for turning out work in tin of all descriptions, including tin roofing, etc. Stevens & Hills handle the famous Dockash stoves and ranges exclusively. These stoves have become very popular, nearly 1,000 having been sold by this firm in this vicinity.

Mr. Thomas W. Stevens has been engaged in the hardware business since 1873, in which year he entered the employ of B. S. Dartt of Canton, Pa. In 1880 he went with Pratt & Co., Elmira, wholesale hardware and jobbing. He was born in Franklin, Bradford county, Pa., Feb. 6, 1855. He came to Oneonta in 1880, and during 1890 and '91 he served as president of the board of village trustees. He married Hattie J. Pierce of Alba, Pa., September, 1876. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, and director and treasurer of the building and loan association. Mr. Charles E. Hills has been in the hardware business since 1879, at which time he engaged with Floyd Chamberlin & Co. of Binghamton. In 1884 he went to Syracuse, where for two and a half years he was with Robert McCarthy & Son. During a year and a half he traveled for Maurice E. Viele of Albany. He located in Oneonta in 1887. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and chapter and the Malta Commandery; also of the Mystic Shrine of Utica.

L. Lendall Curtis was born at Lewiston, Me. At the age of sixteen took first prize for free-hand drawing and designing at city school. At eighteen was teacher of penmanship and drawing in the Academy at Norway, Me. Three years later was principal of Commercial and Art School at Lewiston, and at twenty-five became a pupil in drawing and painting of John Raphael, a noted artist of Montreal, Canada. He has sketched for the Berlin Lithograph Company, Picturesque Canada, Harper's and Frank Leslie's Magazines, and contributed to the New England Fireside. For eleven years he had a studio in Boston, Mass., where he devoted his time to portrait painting and sculpture, having for his subjects many distinguished and noted persons, among whom was Mrs. Grover Cleveland. Of this work President Cleveland said in an autograph letter: "I am much pleased with it, both as a work of art and a likeness." Of the portrait of Henry W. Grady of Atlanta, Ga., Mayor Glenn said: "It is a beautiful portrait, true in its likeness and exquisite in its art." Mr. Curtis located in Oneonta in December, 1894, and has a studio at 269 Main street. Mr. Curtis is an artist in crayon, India, pastels and sculpture. He made a remarkable likeness from memory of J. R. L. Walling and a large portrait of Prof. Bull, which he gave to the Union School.

Colburn Bros., the large, one-priced clothiers, has one of the best stocked and most complete establishments in this country. C. C. and H. B. Colburn constitute the firm. When they located in Oneonta, October 15, 1892, it was in the Baird block. They opened a new and thoroughly up-to-date assortment of goods, which attracted attention at once. The



COOPERSTOWN, OTSEGO LAKE—SOURCE OF SUSQUEHANNA.

styles that were shown were plainly selections from the best manufacturers and were the work of a buyer who understood just what the trade wanted. So business began, and the firm started in on the one-price basis only, all goods marked in plain figures. Since then it has stuck to that text. It was soon found that the store was inadequate for displaying the stock this firm carried and for accommodating the increased trade. Consequently, on April 1, 1895, the business was removed to the spacious store in the new Doyle & Smith block, No. 155 Main street.



This enables the firm to carry on the average, in all seasons, not less than \$15,000 worth of goods, not at all in the expensive nor the cheap lines, but in the medium, principally with the grades ranging to the

sistant foreman. In 1889 he was raised to the position he now occupies. He was born in Albany April 8, 1844. He served apprenticeship in his trade with Townsend & Jackson of that city, afterwards working for the

Delaware and Hudson company there until he came to this place. He has charge of the work of usually about 450 men, who are employed in repairing all engines on the division between Albany and Binghamton. Much of this is of the nature of new work. He has pleasant offices, in which are employed seven clerks, of whom C. J. Norton is the chief. Mr. Smith takes considerable personal interest in the welfare of all his men, and his aim is to surround himself with that class of workmen who are conscientious and interested in doing their best in the



Photo. by Smith.

H. P. TOMPKINS, JEWELRY.

best. The stock comprises ready-made clothing, gentlemen's furnishing goods, trunks and bags, hats and caps, gloves, mittens, etc. The store, 100 x 26 feet, is well lighted, affording the customer the best opportunity for selecting cloths. The specialty in hats with the firm is the Retsel, a splendid style of hat and very popular.

### IMPRESSIONS.

The impressions of a three month's sojourn in Oneonta cannot do justice to the town, but they are all in its favor. It is beautiful for situation; a gem set in the midst of Nature's grand hills and inspiring scenery. Its location is central, and within easy reach of Binghamton, Syracuse, Albany, Philadelphia and New York. Its climate is reasonably dry, and regarded as healthful. Its winters mild and summers comfortable.

Its educational advantages are unexcelled. A splendid corps of teachers, capable and obliging, are found in both the village and Normal schools. The village is famous for its schools.

Oneonta is justly proud of her churches, large in membership, strong in standing and character, earnest in effort, christian in their relations to each other and to the world. She counts them foremost among her efficient and effective preservers.

The people are free from caste feeling, frank and open in expression, broad and generous in sympathy, large-hearted and kindly in their relations to each other. Oneonta is a village of homes, and neighborly feeling prevails. Come and try it.

REV. E. J. FARLEY.

Henry C. Smith, master mechanic of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad shops, came to Oneonta in 1872 to put the machinery in the shops under the direction of Mr. Blackall. He was employed as a machinist until 1884, when he was promoted to as-

interests of the company. Under his direction the shops have been surrounded with pleasant yards, and the approaches are beautified with plats of flowers, which are taken from his greenhouse during summer.

Mr. Smith married Mary Proctor, of Albany, in July, 1867. He is a charter member of the Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Honor, and a member of the Royal Arcanum and the United Friends. He is



H. W. LEE, EDITOR OF THE STAR.

a patriarch militant of the first-named order. He is a charter member of the Y. M. C. A., in which he has devoted much time in advancing the local order. He is a member of the educational committee.

**A. E. Nye**, baker, No. 6 Chestnut street, having had seventeen years' experience, is giving that satisfaction which brings him the best class of trade. There could be no better arranged shop anywhere. The public appreciates delicacies, for the stomach's

for many years. In 1885 he removed to Westfield, Pa., where, on February 1, 1895, his son was admitted as a partner. He married Hattie L. Wood, of Onondaga, in 1870. L. E. Wilder was born in New Bremen July 26, 1873. After graduating from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary he entered the employ of Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., to prepare himself for active business. On Thanksgiving day, 1894, he married Helena S. Williams, of Tonawanda, N. Y.



F. S. PATTRIDGE, RESIDENCE.

A. L. KELLOGG, RESIDENCE.

T. W. STEVENS, RESIDENCE.

sake, and the public is served at this place with the very best. It is a large bakery, four bakers being employed and a thousand loaves being the daily production of bread. Two carts are run in town and two outside. Fifty barrels of molasses are used annually. Mr. Nye was born in Cortland county July 10, 1858. He learned the trade of Cobb & Perkins, with whom he remained six years, afterwards opening a shop in Owego with his brother. When he came to Oneonta he obtained employment of O. A. Benton, of whom he subsequently bought the business, moving it to his present stand in December, 1893. He married Harriett Batterson, of Elmira, September, 14, 1884.

**M. E. Wilder & Son** opened their large dry-goods store in Oneonta May 8, 1895, at No. 149 Main street. It is a completely stocked store, with spacious plate glass show windows, in which considerable taste is shown in displaying the goods. The interior is very prettily finished, with the newest and best fixtures and the most modern equipments, including one of the large-sized Lamson cash carriers, and fine nickel fixtures. The business started off with a flattering patronage, which is showing a steady increase, giving seven experienced clerks steady employment. This is one of the largest single-floor establishments in this part of the State. The specialties of this firm are dress goods, cloaks and fine kid gloves, comprising the latest and best manufacture, and affording a large variety from which to make selections. There are also the many lines usually carried by a house doing an extensive business, such as ladies' garments of every description, linens, notions, draperies, hosiery, underwear, etc. M. E. Wilder was born in New Bremen, Lewis Co., July 24, 1849. He carried on business there

for many years. In 1885 he removed to Westfield, Pa., where, on February 1, 1895, his son was admitted as a partner. He married Hattie L. Wood, of Onondaga, in 1870. L. E. Wilder was born in New Bremen July 26, 1873. After graduating from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary he entered the employ of Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., to prepare himself for active business. On Thanksgiving day, 1894, he married Helena S. Williams, of Tonawanda, N. Y.

Herrieff, the membership has been increased by about sixty names. The veteran League member of Oneonta is F. M. H. Jackson, who is also worthy of much praise for the interest he has taken in League matters. He was for a number of years the only League member in town. These young men, as well as many others who assisted them, have at heart the interest of cycling, and their efforts were not confined to the increasing of membership alone. The influence of the League has been exerted to the benefit of every wheelman and wheelwoman in the community. Through their



L. L. CURTIS.

influence guide boards have been erected at every highway crossing and fork of roads in the town, giving distances and directions, and in another season the work will be extended through this county



and the adjoining counties. The League members make it a point to welcome every visiting wheelman who comes to Oneonta and assist him in whatever way possible. The League headquarters are at the



R. W. STODDARD, CONSUL L. A. W.

Windsor Hotel, Chestnut street. This house allows a discount of 25 per cent. to League members and gives them the best of attention. A League club will be organized before another season and a club room, at some convenient location, will be maintained. The amount of good the members have been able to do for the cause of cycling in the past will be greatly increased by local organization, and it is expected every League member will lend his aid to the perfecting of a club for League members in Oneonta. The expense of joining the League is \$2.00, which amount pays for one year's member-

cyclists. Tourists visiting Oneonta who desire information regarding routes, etc., will find the local consul, Mr. Stoddard, at the *Daily Star* office, ever willing to assist them. On account of the royal welcome shown tourists, the Oneonta League wheelmen have won a wide reputation, and courteous treatment is assured all strangers who will make themselves known in this progressive League town. The members are :

C. E. AIKINS,  
JACK BLAIR,  
G. A. BIERHARDT,  
J. BIDFORD,  
Mrs. J. BIDFORD,  
J. L. BOWDISH,  
G. A. BURNSIDE,  
A. M. BUTTS,  
C. W. BROWN,  
L. O. BURDICK,  
G. CHAMBERLIN,  
H. T. CONKLING,  
M. G. CONNELL,  
J. M. H. JACKSON,  
H. D. JENNINGS,  
C. E. KENNEDY,  
H. W. LEE,  
THOMAS LORD,  
E. D. LEWIS,  
G. A. LANE,  
J. A. NILES,  
G. E. MOORE,  
RALPH McCUNE,  
C. F. MAYHAM,  
C. H. MCGONEGAL,  
FRANK MONROE,  
J. W. NORTON,  
GEO. U. NORTON,

JAS. W. TAYLOR,  
F. K. TAYLOR,  
H. E. WHITNEY,  
J. J. WOOD,  
S. J. WRIGHT,  
W. W. DARBEE,  
C. M. DICKINSON,  
S. B. ELLIOTT,  
C. E. FORD,  
CHAS. GARDNER,  
F. A. HERIEFF,  
HENRY HEGEWALD,  
R. HOLMES,  
W. F. HUNGERFORD,  
W. H. IVES,  
L. J. PATTON,  
A. C. POTTER,  
S. H. POTTER,  
E. W. POPE,  
G. I. REYNOLDS,  
J. E. ROGERS,  
R. P. STODDARD,  
THOS. W. STEVENS,  
A. C. SPENCER,  
E. B. SMITH,  
JAS. SKINNER,  
E. W. SPENCER.

Charles E. Dibble, the Chief of Police, was appointed to that post in March, 1896, after serving as patrolman since the spring of 1892. The police department is not as large as it should be, and with

but four officers to patrol a place having 10,000 inhabitants, serve all warrants, protect property and preserve good order, when the morale of the town is above the average, as it is here, there is no sinecure in holding the office of chief. The present incumbent was appointed because he had become popular, was widely acquainted, and had proven himself to be a careful and observing officer. He had worked for the railroad company for about two years, having come to Oneonta in 1890. The chief of police in a town of this size is left to exercise his own judgment to a greater extent than in a larger place, and in many cases a great deal of responsibility rests upon him, having less means at his command and being required, as a matter of course, to perform in part



Photo, by Smith.

E. D. LEWIS' JEWELRY STORE.

ship. A renewal costs \$1.00 a year. Each member receives *The Bulletin*, a lively and interesting weekly magazine, and all road books and maps. The new road book will contain many routes through this section of the State available to Oneonta

patrol duty. The chief has given good satisfaction and made many friends. He was born in Davenport, Delaware county, November 11, 1860. He was married to Catharine D. Simmons, of that place, November 10, 1885.



**Edmunds Brothers** are large retail dealers in groceries at No. 218 Main street. Their business during recent years has grown with rapid strides until it is now one of the largest in that line in town. The members of the firm are Arthur N. and Charles B. The business was originally conducted under the name of McMinn & Co. Arthur N. Edmunds first bought out the interest of J. O. Rowe, and for four years the firm was McMinn & Edmunds. His brother then succeeded Fred. McMinn, and since that time the business has been conducted under the present name. It comprises all kinds of domestic and the many leading brands of imported goods usually sold in a grocery. Three men are kept busy

**Dr. Charles F. Baylis**, a leading dentist of this place, whose practice is quite extensive in all forms of modern and skilled dental work known to the profession, is located in pleasant and centrally situated parlors on the second floor of the Ford Block, No. 184 Main street, where Dr. George W. Goldsmith, whom he succeeded, was formerly located. Dr. Baylis was born in Waterville, Oneida county, April 8, 1870. His parents, W. Fred. Baylis and wife, whose maiden name was Mary Burch, were natives of this state. The doctor was educated in the public schools and in the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, where he completed his studies in dentistry and was graduated March 17, 1892. He



Photo. by Smith. MAPLE STREET. CHESTNUT STREET, LOOKING WEST. CENTRE STREET.

waiting on customers most of the time. The delivery of goods extends over a considerable part of the town, which is a proof of the popularity of this firm. Arthur Edmunds was born in Oneonta June 8, 1865. At 18 years of age he began as a clerk for M. Benedict at Sidney Centre. Four years later he came to Oneonta, and remained a year with Fletcher & Murdock. After spending another year at Sidney Centre, he returned to Oneonta, and went into the business, of which he is now a part owner as a clerk. He married Alice C. Reynolds, of Sidney Centre, December 30, 1885. Charles B. Edmunds was born in Oneonta, November 27, 1865. He was first employed by George E. Hally at Sidney Centre, and subsequently, for a year, for Reuben Reynolds, of Oneonta. He married Nellie M. Somerville, of Davenport, January 27, 1893.

married Miss Lillian, the daughter of Mr. George Hufford, of Oneonta, March 25, 1896. He is a popular member of several organizations, comprising the Masonic Lodge, the Oneonta Chapter and the Oneonta Club. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church and of the Y. M. C. A., in which latter association he is deeply interested.

**The Daily Newspapers.** — The years previous to 1887 had marked so rapid and substantial a growth in Oneonta that the subject of a daily paper was then strongly canvassed, and the necessity becoming apparent, on May 2 of that year the *Oneonta Daily Local* made its appearance. The paper was diminutive in size — 12½ x 10 inches, 4 columns, 4 pages. On May 31, 1887, two inches were added to the

length of the columns, and a similar addition was made January 2, 1888. On February 6, same year, the *Local* suspended. It is but just to say here, however, that the failure of the *Local* was not the lack of support on the part of the villagers, but was brought about from entirely different causes. That



C. H. MCGONEGAL.

this deduction is a true one is demonstrated, for but thirteen days were allowed to elapse, when a new paper, the *Oneonta Daily News*, made its appearance, on February 20, 1888. This paper, with varying experiences and numerous enlargements, continued to occupy the field for over two years without opposition. The size of the first *News* was 17 x 11 inches, 4 columns, 4 pages. On Tuesday, April 24, 1888, the *News* was enlarged to a 5-column paper; columns lengthened 2½ inches, February 22, 1889; a six-column paper was issued September 25, 1889, and these columns were lengthened October 16th. This was the size of the paper at the time its good will and subscription list were sold to, as stated in its valedictory, "a worthy rival," April 30, 1891. In answer to a demand for a paper that would better reflect Oneonta, its business enterprise and constantly widening borders, on June 19, 1890, the *Star* issued its first number.

The publication was started with an entirely new outfit, such as could be obtained only by an outlay of a large sum of money, and it was fortunate for *The Star*, and the village, that the financial backing of the paper was ample. On its first appearance, *The Star* was a 7-col., 24 x 36 inch 4-page paper. The reception of *The Star* by the Oneonta people, was so marked, and the patronage in advertising so far exceeded expectations, that the second edition had not been printed before an order for more type, to meet urgent needs, had been sent to the type foundry. With hosts of friends constantly flocking to it, *The Star* has had an onward march, and on September 19, 1891, it was not considered too hazardous to increase the size of the paper. Accordingly, on that date, another column was added to each of the four pages. At no time since its first issue has the support of *The Star* been other than generous, and the management has appreciated the public favor, ever putting forth the effort to make the paper, in all its details, an Oneonta paper,

devoted to and advocating every interest that would tend to its growth in wealth and moral force. It is impossible to over-estimate the influence and benefit of such a paper as *The Star* has been to a community. Circulating largely not only in the village, the county, and adjoining counties, but having an ever-increasing number of subscribers, mostly among former residents or those who have interests here, *THE STAR* is read daily in many parts of the Union, and often falls into the hands of people who heretofore did not know of the importance of the village, and are attracted to it by its daily paper, which in its editorial news, typographical appearance and general make-up, is much the superior of papers printed in similar towns. In interviewing *The Star*, Grip found a special characteristic of the paper that showed how completely it is dominated by the policy of Oneonta, first, last, and all the time. *The Star*, by high rates to outside advertisers, whose business would clash with home firms, practically excludes other than local advertisers. Not long ago a city firm asked for rates for half a page, and was anxious to secure the same. This firm was friendly and funny enough, when it received terms, to reply that its wish was to advertise, not to buy the paper; and though it made a flattering offer, having ascertained the value of *The Star* as an advertising medium, it was declined. *The Star* is firm in its convictions that a loyal support of the interests of Oneonta will bring as earnest a support from Oneontians to the paper.

For the success of this leading enterprise of Oneonta, great credit is due to the present editor and proprietor, H. W. Lee. He is the son of Rev. J. N. Lee, and though born at Kerkurro May 30, 1870, during his early days he was so much in Oneonta and vicinity, having been a pupil of the



C. E. DIBBLE, CHIEF OF POLICE.

Academy street school, a teacher at Mt. Vision, and a member of *The News* staff, that he is regarded almost as a native of the village. But a trifle over 20 years of age at the inception of the paper, he threw all the vigor of his strong constitution and sanguine temperament into the enterprise, and has recognized



nothing too arduous in his efforts to keep *The Star* in the first ranks of provincial journalism. Though the paper is independent in policy, it has been by no means neutral, and so conscientious has it been in all matters pertaining to the public good that its influence in the community is large.

Mr. Lee has always expressed himself as being most fortunate in securing as a right-hand man the services, in the general conduct of the paper, of William J. Mason. Being older in years and with a larger experience in newspaper work, Mr. Mason's judgment as to detail, etc., has been recognized and valued. The first man to occupy the position of bookkeeper and collector on *The Star* was F. W. Whitcomb, now one of the prosperous grocery firm of Whitcomb & Hecox. E. E. Giles, who first

onta, is Ralph P. Stoddard, formerly of Bridge-water, who is an earnest worker. He is a graduate of the Albany Business College, a short-hand writer and an expert manipulator of a type-writer. In connection with the *Star*, it is the boast of the office that every man engaged on it has its interests most at heart, and the force is ever ready to make whatever sacrifice is necessary to accomplish a purpose. The work is done with the utmost good fellowship, and in the printing office, in charge of F. A. Jennings, are four of the graduated apprentices: F. A. Bissell, W. H. Howard, Wm. B. Mason and H. C. Fish. The present apprentices are Dorr Horick and John McCabe. The paper has a loyal staff of correspondents and its contributors are among the best citizens in the community. No paper ever had a more hustling and wide-awake lot of carrier boys, and several heretofore and now are employing this



Photo. by Young.

SCENES AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL.

assisted in reportorial work, assumed Mr. Whitcomb's office on his retirement. F. M. H. Jackson in turn succeeded Mr. Giles, he going to New York, and under able instructors has taken an enviable rank in Gotham as a tenor singer. Mr. Jackson, at this time, still occupies the position, and, in addition, renders valuable service to the paper in reporting, he being an expert short-hand writer. He is the son of M. L. S. Jackson, is a popular Red Man and a sergeant in the Third Separate company. Later in the paper's history, J. A. Reynolds, son of George Reynolds, an influential citizen, residing on Grand street, this village, was added to the reportorial staff, and at different times has been a most valuable adjunct to the paper. Alert, active, able and conscientious, he is to the manner born and makes an ideal reporter. Another capable reporter on the staff, who has made many friends in One-

means to help them secure a higher education than they might otherwise obtain, and are pupils both at the Normal and Union schools.

Mrs. S. Scott owns the largest green-house on the Susquehanna road outside of Albany, not excepting any in Binghamton. She built the first of the group of glass structures when there was not another similar enterprise on this road. It was only thirty-five feet long. To day the enclosures under glass at her place, corner Grove and Cliff streets, aggregate over 5,000 square feet of floor space. It was on May 1, 1881, that with pluck and determination, in spite of contrary advice, she started in the business in the limited way above mentioned. In the fall of 1883 she required more room, and tore down the



original structure and built what are now the main green-houses. Up to five years ago last March she did all the work herself. Then she hired a gardener, and now has an extra hand to keep up with the demand that is pressing upon her. In 1892 she bought additional ground and constructed two additional houses, each a hundred feet long. This fall she



M. H. RIDDELL.

added another building for violets, and enlarged the office. She has put in a large Furman boiler, manufactured by the Herendeen Manufacturing Company, which furnishes the heat for both her residence and the green-houses, and to which she has attached a hot-water tank for supplying the sprinklers. The main green-house encloses the space for chrysanthemums, 59x12 feet; that for smilax and lilies, 50x16 feet, and the office. The double-span house for roses is 18 x 80, and that for carnations 100 x 10 feet. Then there is a house for palms, orchids and ferns, 12 x 18 feet. The violet and cold-house is 100 x 8 feet. The houses are all equipped with the best conveniences, including sectional ventilators, iron supports, raised benches, and wire trellis. She ships very largely to Binghamton and New York, and in the summer supplies many summer resorts. Her home trade is quite large.

**Dauley & Wright**, dealers in monuments, are very widely known through the eastern part of the State. A great deal of very fine work has been placed in Albany. Schoharie, Otsego, Delaware and Broome counties, including many large and expensive monuments, which have made for the firm an enviable reputation. In some cases, notably those of the Hon. David Wilber, Augustus D. Ferguson, Oneida, and Annie Louise Greer in Rural cemetery, Albany, Dauley & Wright produced life-sized

statues which were pronounced to be excellent reproductions of the originals. The work in marble and granite is equal to that turned out by the largest dealers. It has been set up where competition with those houses was the sharpest. In Otsego, Schoharie and Delaware counties this firm has the lead over all rivals. One very great advantage is offered to the customer, and that is because the stock on hand offers a great variety of selections, its aggregate value being \$12,000 and upwards. During the past year the shop has been fitted with pneumatic tools for carving granite, operated by compressed air, and enabling one man to do the work of three a great deal better than can be done by hand. The firm, I. S. Dauley and C. M. Wright succeeded to the business of Howe Bros. January 1, 1889. During the first year the sales showed a marked increase, which has become larger each succeeding year. At the time the business changed hands Mr. Dauley was the foreman in the shop and Mr. Wright was the salesman. Both were practical men and had a large acquaintanceship. The former had twenty years' experience in marble cutting. In 1886 he came to Oneonta from Iroquois, Canada, where, at seventeen years of age, he began learning the trade. He was born in Ontario, May 25, 1859; married Antoinette Ostrander, of Oneonta, February 1, 1887. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the M. E. church. Charles M. Wright was born in Worcester, N. Y., June 21, 1854. Twenty years ago he began selling for Howe Bros. and continued as their salesman until they came to Oneonta and sold out to the present firm. He married Jessie Kelly, of Schenectady, June 25, 1875. He is a member of the Masonic order.

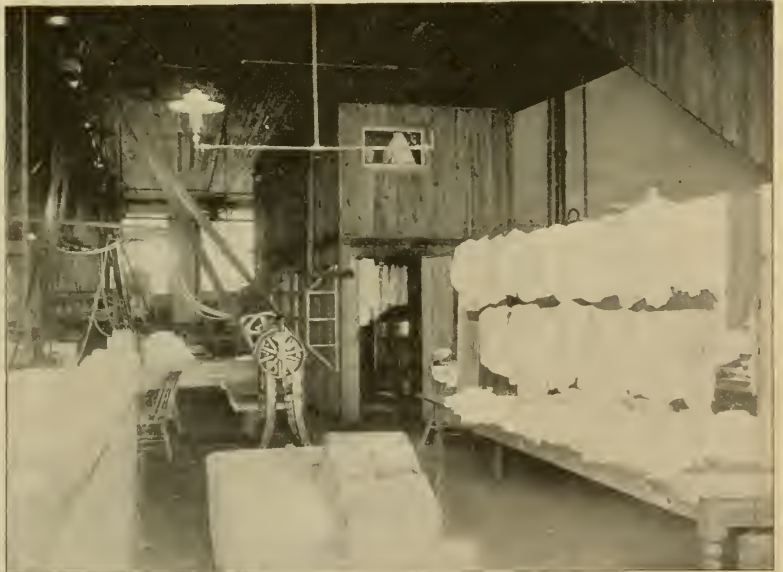


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M. H. RIDDELL'S LAUNDRY.

**H. A. Fisher**, dealer in pianos, organs, and other musical instruments, succeeded to the business of Fisher & Ogden in the Windsor Hotel building, Nov. 1st, 1896. On February 1, 1882, the firm started the business in Main street, and in Nov. 1893, moved to the present quarters. Mr. Fisher came to Oneonta in 1881, and was in the employ of Shearer,



INGALL'S STONE YARD.

the well known dealer in musical supplies until the copartnership between Mr. Ogden and himself was formed. He is a composer of instrumental and vocal music and has completed 35 manuscripts. For several years he taught vocal music, and upon coming to Oneonta, he became active in musical circles, being for some time a member of the Metropolitan Orchestra and for eight years the organist of the First Baptist Church. His business, however, has left him no time for outside matters. The instruments he handles are of the best manufacture, including principally the Kranich & Bach, the Everett, Harvard, Haines, and the Crown pianos; also, the Packard, Estey, Kimball and the Lehr & Co. Organs. His stock of small instruments comprise the high grade goods. The territory in which he has made many large sales includes the counties of Otsego, Delaware, Chenango, and portions of Broome. Mr. Fisher was born in Burlington, N. Y., June 26, 1860. At 16 years of age he entered the profession he has since followed. He came to Oneonta in 1881. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and the Y. P. S. C. E. His assistants are Miss Mary E. Webster, bookkeeper, Miss Bertha Brainerd, clerk, R. W. Elmer. His business is represented by a local agent in Schenectady, Afton, Nineveh, Binghamton and Norwich.

**The Press.**—The first issue of the *Oneonta Press* bore the date of May 19th, 1877, and its editor and publisher was George W. Reynolds. It was a seven column folio paper, and was Republican in politics. Mr. Reynolds conducted *The Press* for about eighteen months, and its new proprietor made it a Democratic paper. It has been published continuously since its first issue, although there has been many changes in its

management. On June 27th, 1895, Henry G. Bishop changed the name to *The Otsego Democrat and Oneonta Press*, and that name it will undoubtedly continue to hold, although it is even now more generally known of and spoken of as *The Press*. On February 27th, 1896, its form was changed from an eight-column folio to a six-column quarto, and on June 22nd, 1896, Louis W. Ferenbaugh (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this souvenir) succeeded Mr. Bishop as editor and publisher. Under his management the business of the office has greatly increased, while his editorial work stamps the paper as a thorough and out spoken one that cannot fail to be of vast aid to that party. A finely equipped job office is attached, and the work that comes therefrom is at once spoken of as artistic, while a specialty is made of quick work as well. The office is finely located in the Lewis & Wilson brick block, at 10 Broad street, and occupies the northern ground floor half of the block, which is finely lettered "*The Oneonta Press*." The presses, five in number, are run by water power. The present staff of the office is as follows: Editor and publisher, Louis W. Ferenbaugh; associate editor, S. H. Ferenbaugh; foreman, Arthur G. Weed; William O. Hibbard, Joseph Malley.

#### **Journeyman Tailors' Union, No. 112, Oneonta.**—

This union has been organized since October 1st, 1894, by George Woodburn, organizer of Trades and Labor Council of Oneonta. It started with a membership of seven; George Yagel, president, and at the present time has a membership of thirteen. Mrs. Jennie Collins, president. The members of the union have received better wages since its organization, and at the present time meet once a month in Critic Hall, Wilber Block.



LAURENS &amp; ROWE'S CROCKERY AND NOTION STORE.



## THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The first record of any organized fire company for the village of Oneonta was in May, 1847, and was organized by authority of E. S. Brown, supervisor of the town; Elisha Sheppard and Samuel J. Cook, justices of the peace, and was before any charter of the village had been granted. This company was composed of the following charter members: Ira Inman, Orlando Sullivan, T. D. Watkins, Wm. McCrum, G. P. Dietz, DeWitt Ford, Geo. H. Bond, J. D. Lindsey, Anthony White, John McCraney, D. J.

secretary and treasurer, D. J. Yager; with T. D. Watkins, De Witt Ford and Gould P. Dietz, as a standing committee. The company was designated as Fire Engine Company No. 1. The uniform adopted was red shirt, gray pants, black belt and fire hat, and the engine named Yankee. This engine was probably purchased new and at some point in Massachusetts. No known record of the company exists later than 1858, and the company went out of existence soon after, and the engine was sold in parts and used by several citizens of the town



## THE CLERGY OF ONEONTA.

1 Rev. J. Elliot Bone,  
*Methodist (photo by Young).*

2 Rev. E. J. Farley,  
*1st Baptist.*

3 Rev. N. M. Hall,  
*1st Presbyterian.*

4 Rev. J. E. Boid,  
*St. James' Episcopal (photo by Van Woert).*

5 Rev. C. S. Pendleton,  
*Free Will Baptist.*

6 Rev. R. L. Welch,  
*United Presbyterian.*

7 Rev. L. L. Greene,  
*Universalist (photo by Curtis.)*

Yager, Geo. W. Murray, J. P. VanWoert, C. P. Hunting, Isaac H. Peters, Wm. H. Wild, Carleton Watkins, L. S. Osborn, Ira Derby and Lewis B. Smith. The charter list was filed with W. Wright, town clerk, May 19, 1847, and on the 20th of the same month the company met at the hotel of John M. Watkins, and elected the following officers: Captain, Collis P. Huntington; first lieutenant, Ira Derby; second lieutenant, John McCraney;

for various purposes, and ceased to exist as an engine.

On January 22, 1860, a meeting was held at the band room for the purpose of organizing a fire company, and T. D. Watkins was made chairman, and John Cope, Jr., secretary. The president of the village was present and delivered certificates to 36 members. Who the members of the company were or the officers elected there is no record. The en-



gine purchased for this company came originally from the city of Albany, and was bought through a gentleman by the name of Courter, of Cobleskill. The company was named Resolute Engine Company, No. 1, and in January, 1864, we find them with Saerl Hudson, foreman; Hiram J. Brewer, first assistant; H. J. Collins, second assistant; and John Cope, Jr., secretary and treasurer, with a membership of 43. In the meantime many of the old members of this company and of Engine Company No. 1 had gone to the front, and the organization existed until about 1869, when it ceased to exist. The engine was sold for junk, and the village was left without any fire protection but the bucket brigade up to June, 1876, when the board of trustees, composed of J. D. Primmer, Anthony White, Stephen Bull, Thos. H. Rockwell and Sylvester Ford, decided to purchase the equipment for a first-class fire department, and a committee appointed by the board purchased a steam fire engine and hose cart of the Button Manufacturing Company of Waterford, N. Y., also a first-class hook and ladder truck, and steps were immediately taken to form a first-class fire department. Oneonta Steamer Company, No. 1, was first accepted by the board with the following charter members: L. S. Emmons, G. A. Hunter, Walter Scott, C. M. Smith, E. S. Bell, W. H. Mereness, M. Mandelbunn, L. B. Lennon, W. A. Pardoe, H. B. Skinner, Chas. Saxton, H. D. Jennings, F. A. Peck, Judd W. Mann, M. L. S. Jackson, L. H. Groat, Wm. H. Couse, J. H. Keyes, A. S. Reynolds, A. J. Whitney, H. Saunders, C. T. Bush, W. A. Laken I. Doolittle, T. H. Briggs, A. R. Allen, D. W. Brainard, Wm. H. Wilson, E. H. Wright and J. T. Dewar. The first officers were: Foreman, Geo. A. Hunter; first assistant, Walter Scott; second as-

pany, No. 1, with the following charter members: Thomas Doyle, L. Millard, Fred. Whitenhall, George W. Ingalls, Albert C. Wolcott, E. Sherman, H. Merrihew, H. E. Bundy, J. McCafferty, J. W. Mull, A. Snyder, C. L. Watson, G.



CHARLES AND ARTHUR EDMUNDS.

Giles, R. C. Burgess, George Austin, J. O. Vorhees, A. C. Lewis, N. E. Conant, M. Maloney, G. Ward, A. Jeffers, J. H. Oderkirk, J. Stranahan, G. D. Bedford, W. C. Lewis, George Vincent, S. M. Ballard, J. C. Richmond, Leroy Mickell, C. A. Smith, Charles Smith and J. M. Ostrom. The first officers were: Foreman, J. M. Ostrom; first assist-

ant, H. E. Bundy; second assistant, Thomas Doyle; president, H. E. Conant; vice-president, C. A. Smith; secretary, A. Jeffers; treasurer, Charles Smith, and steward, George Vincent. This company was known as Centennial Hose Company, No. 1, until June 13th, 1877, when the name was changed to Lewis Hose Company, No. 1, in honor of A. C. Lewis, also a member of the company, who became the second chief engineer of the new Oneonta fire department. The steamer and hose companies were accepted by the board of trustees in February of the year 1876, and Oneonta Hook and Ladder Company, No. 3, was accepted the 9th of March of the same year, with the following charter members: R. L. Fox, Jay McDonald, C. E. Burns, W. H. Woodin, W. H. Jefferson, W. L. Brown, N. I. Ford, Fred. Wilcox, Samuel T. Brewer, Owen Philips, Milton Gurney, David J. Yager, D. H. Peaster, Will Hunt-



Photo. by Smith.

M. E. WILDER & SON'S DRY GOODS STORE.

sistant, W. H. Mereness; secretary, Henry Saunders, treasurer, E. S. Bell; engineer, J. D. Primmer; first assistant engineer, J. W. Mann. They were quickly followed by Centennial Hose Com-

ington, O. C. McCrum, A. C. Moody, M. Keenan, F. A. Bissell, W. D. Bissell, William Dietz, C. S. Carpenter, M. D. Tipple, T. J. Gildersleeve, B. H. Loring, R. Reynolds, E. M. Johnson, J. B. Fletcher, John Amsden, G. F. Bristol, W. W. Darbee, Leroy Pratt, M. Yager, W. H. Hider, J. H. Tucker. The officers were: Foreman, R. L. Fox; first assistant, A. C. Moody; second assistant, Jay McDonald; recording secretary, C. S. Carpenter; corresponding secretary, O. C. McCrum; treasurer, N. I. Ford. The name of this company was changed July 7th, 1886, to the D. F. Wilber Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, in honor of D. F. Wilber, a member of the company and the present Congressman from this district, who presented the company with one of the finest parade trucks in this section of the State. The village now had one of the finest equipped fire departments in the State, but a very poor water supply, consisting of a few small cisterns scattered throughout the village, some of which had done service for the first fire company away back in 1847. In the year 1883 this was changed by the completion

James Reynolds; trustees, A. Northrup, William Thornburn and Samuel Coon; members, A. V. Price, C. L. Duell, Fred. Schwaninger, William Wiscomb, Thomas Lord, D. Tregurthie, Thomas Thornburn, J. Mitchell, George Parine, Frank Craft, T. B. Kimber, Thomas Tansell, William Marshall, Jack Turner, R. C. Harding, George Tamsell, W. W. Daley, J. W. Soloway, E. Noud, W. L. Foot, O. F. Carson, R. R. Cross, J. R. Patterson, S. D. Finkle, S. Bach, George Underdown and W. H. Mosher. This company is finely equipped and has a fine hose house and parlors located in the Sixth ward, south of the railroad.

On September 30th, 1895, the J. M. Milne Hose Company, No. 4, was organized and accepted by the Board of Trustees with the following officers and members: President, Fred. Whitman; vice-president, Byron W. Baker; foreman, Albert Haynes; first assistant, L. F. Haumer; second Assistant, E. R. Pierce; financial secretary, Hudson Perry; recording secretary, A. F. Hamilton; treasurer, Arthur Firman; steward, George



SCENE ON THE FAIR GROUNDS, SEPTEMBER 16, 1896.

of the Oneonta water works, giving a splendid system for fire service, and in October of that year the George I. Wilber Hose Company, No. 2, was organized from a large number of gentlemen who had been members of the old steamer company. L. H. Groat, W. H. Mereness, George T. Bugden, M. Siedes, John M. Watson, S. B. Todd, A. L. Jordan, S. J. Howe, H. E. Conant, Fred. E. Lowe, Wm. Huether, Chas. Paul, M. G. Connell, Geo. E. Woodworth, L. Richards, Jacob Huether, W. F. Rowland, John Elliott, H. R. Gaylord, H. McCulley, George E. Bond, I. Bugbee, Chas. Holcomb, F. Fairchild, J. T. Demar and H. H. Mills were the charter members, and L. H. Groat, foreman; L. Richards, first assistant; Geo. E. Woodworth, second assistant; G. T. Bugden, secretary, and M. G. Connell, treasurer, were the first officers. The company was equipped with a four-wheel Jumper, purchased from Crystal Hose Company, of Binghamton, and presented with an elegant parade carriage by George I. Wilber.

In January, 1889, the Mechanic Hose Company, No. 3, were accepted by the board of trustees with the following officers and members: Foreman, W. L. Hotaling; first assistant, Frank Fairchilds; second assistant, C. W. McGurk; secretary, J. R. Gerling; president, J. W. Telford; vice-president,

Wohlleben. Members: Wm. Nash, James Park, Geo. Dildine, Malcomb Baxter, Leroy Clark, Wm. Chapman, Chas. Davis, Wm. Dimmick, J. Dugan, L. Dugan, Frank Edwards, B. Edwards, S. Ferns, Wm. Holloway, L. V. Holmes, H. P. Hotaling, C. S. Loveland, Fred Mason, M. Messenger, H. Mooney, John Naylor, F. C. Pattengil, Frank Renford, Chas. Sincerbrant, John Speer, H. Stewart, W. Stewart, H. N. Terrell. This company is composed almost entirely of Normal students, is well equipped and finely drilled, and is a credit to the Department, and Oneonta has to-day one of the largest, best equipped and finest drilled fire departments of any town of her size in the State of New York, a perfect system of electric fire alarm, with boxes located in handy reach all over the corporation, an abundant water supply, and is prepared to battle with the elements no matter in what shape they come. The following named gentlemen have held the office of chief engineer: Jas. H. Keyes, 1876-77; A. C. Lewis, 1878; M. Gurney, 1879; A. C. Moody, 1880; W. H. Mereness, 1881; J. O. Voorhees, 1882-83; O. H. Marshall, 1884-85; Henry Bull, 1886-87; L. H. Groat, 1888; W. H. Wilson, 1889; M. Dempsey, 1890; George E. Moore, 1891; A. Shafer, 1892-93; James O'Brien, present chief.—L. H. GROAT.



# The Oneonta Building and Loan Association.

THE REMARKABLE GROWTH OF A SUBSTANTIAL AND FINANCIALLY SOUND INSTITUTION — A BUSINESS IN WHICH INVESTMENTS YIELD LIBERAL RETURNS.

The Oneonta Building and Loan Association is an important local enterprise established for the purpose of encouraging savings, industry, economy in living and to provide a reasonably easy road by which the person with a moderate income may be enabled to provide for himself and family a home. It also affords the artisan, mechanic, professional and business man and laborer a comparatively safe means of investment out of which he may be insured an accumulation of wealth. The building and loan association is to-day a fixed enterprise in every town of any size, and the records of the local associations throughout this country show that in rare, if in any case, it fails to become a profitable and desirable means to the end for which it is established. The clearest explanation of its purpose is made in the statute (April 10, 1851) and its amendments under which it is incorporated, viz.: \* \* \* "for the purpose of accumulating a fund for the purchase of real estate, the erection of buildings, or the making of other improvements on lands or to pay off incumbrances thereon, and for the further purpose of accumulating a fund to be returned to its members who do not obtain advances" from the association, etc. It must be borne in mind that there is a great distinction between a local association and those which have sprung up in recent years calling themselves National associations. The former, such as that of which we are writing, places all investments at home directly under its own eyes, and where the attendant expenses, all told, are usually very light. Every member is a proprietor, in part, realizing a portion of the interest which he himself pays in for such loans as he may contract, and is in a position to know from day to day the character of the business transacted and to have an eye on what course his investment takes. The only salary paid is to the secretary, so it will be seen that there are no princely salaries to eat up the profits. Now, as to the character of the business. An applicant is admitted to membership upon the purchase of stock, with the option of subscribing for from one to thirty shares and the payment of only one dollar fee on his total subscription. In other associations to which we have alluded he is required to pay a fee of one dollar for each share. The investments of the funds of the association are made upon unincumbered real

estate, not to exceed two-thirds of its appraised value, secured with bond and mortgage, and also to members upon their stock; in the latter case not to exceed ninety per cent. of the amount paid in on stock. At any time a member can withdraw and take out all he has paid in with from 6 to 8½ per cent. interest, according to the age of the stock. The member is not necessarily a borrower, and if he should be, and at any time desires to cancel the loan, he has that privilege by giving thirty days notice, and is entitled to draw out all he has paid on the principal together with six per cent. interest.

The Oneonta Association was incorporated in April, 1888. At the first meeting, held for the transaction of business, on April 27, 1888, the amount of paid-up capital was \$750. During a little less than nine years, the time the association has been doing business, the total amount of capital paid in is about \$200,000, a very flattering showing, especially as it is in excess of that of any other incorporated institution in town. In addition to that there has been paid back to members for stock canceled \$67,278.08.

The net earnings of this association, as a result of the careful and strictly conscientious manner in which the business has been managed, have been eminently satisfactory, and compare very favorably with those of the most prosperous private business ventures. The dividends during the past year amounted to \$10,517.73.

It is a fact that building and loan associations weather panics much better than any other form of business ventures. The Oneonta Association has unquestionably been a very important factor in building up Oneonta, and it is a fact that it is recognized as a public institution.

The books of the association are open for subscriptions at all times in the office of the secretary. The association does not employ agents, as it has been found that no solicitation has been necessary in order to keep alive special interest, and to keep up a maximum amount of business.

The building and loan association offers to the individual drawing a small salary the one notable means of investing small monthly savings. This has proven of great benefit to clerks and other employes, who were never before offered a means of investing the small sums they were able to save as safely and with as good results.

THE OFFICERS.—The strength of an association consists no less in the character of the officers managing it than it does in the quality of its assets. How the Oneonta association is financially situated, the previous paragraphs have shown. The personal qualifications of the management will be equally



well understood when we state that the president is WALTER SCOTT, captain of the 3rd Sep. Co., N. G. N. Y., and a successful business man and capitalist. The vice-president is D. L. HECOX and the treasurer is T. W. STEVENS, both well-to-do merchants and owners of valuable real estate. The secretary is B. W. HOYE, Esq., a lawyer of ability, who also has charge of the law department of the association, and is the owner of much real estate in Oneonta. The remaining directors are: RICHARD DOWNES, a foreman in the large railroad shops in Oneonta; FRANK AVERY, a skilled machinist and a well-known railroad employe; S. B. GARDNER, wholesale agent for the New York Biscuit company, and also the owner of a large tract of Oneonta real estate; A. B. FOLEY, a capitalist and successful retired merchant; M. L. KEYES, cashier of the First National Bank of Oneonta, and NATHAN H. BRIGGS, senior member of the extensive contracting and building firm of Briggs & Miller. All of these men have been connected with the association since its organization, and they are among its largest stockholders; all, moreover, are practically self-made men, having by industry, perseverance and integrity won a high place in the regard of their associates, is a fact which establishes public confidence in any enterprise with which they are officially connected.

The *Oneonta Herald*, the oldest newspaper published in Oneonta and the paper of largest circulation in the Twenty-first Congress district, was established in 1853 by L. P. Carpenter, the first issue appearing February 9th of that year. Mr. Carpenter continued the owner until 1865, when the paper was sold to G. W. Reynolds, who transferred

it in 1871 to C. S. Carpenter. Two years later E. M. Johnson and E. W. Capron became editors and proprietors, but in 1874 Mr. Capron disposed of his interest to his partner, who continued sole owner until 1882, when it passed into the control of Willard E. Yager and George W. Fairchild. In 1889 Mr. Yager sold his interest to his partner, and the paper has continued to the present time under the sole ownership and editorial control of Mr. Fairchild. The *Herald* has always been the leading Republican newspaper in the Susquehanna valley, and though its fiftieth birthday looms in the not-far-distant future, it has lost none of its old time popularity or of its pristine vigor as an exponent of party principles and as an all-around local and family newspaper. Its circulation has increased from year to

year, and even in times of unparalleled financial distress its numerous subscribers, by their fidelity, have testified to the hold it has upon their esteem. The *Herald* office, at 230 Main street, besides being the largest and best equipped newspaper plant on the line of the D. and H., comprises also a job office which has few superiors even in the large cities. In it all kinds of job, book and fancy printing are done in a manner which has given it an enviable reputation far beyond the natural boundaries of its business. In the management of the *Herald* Mr. Fairchild is assisted by Andrew B. Saxton, associate editor, and by Carr W. Peck, the efficient foreman, who has the reputation of being one of the best job printers in the State. Both have been connected with the *Herald* in their present positions since 1889.



W. W. DARBEE'S STATIONERY STORE.



THE ONEONTA SUPPLY CO'S STORE.

**Chapin Memorial, Universalist Church.** — The First Universalist Society, of Oneonta, N. Y., was incorporated December 12, 1877. About this time Rev. L. F. Porter, of Morris, N. Y., was called to serve the society as its first pastor. The new society being without a church building, services were held in such halls or rooms as were available until some time in 1879, when its first house of worship was erected on the site occupied by its present beautiful brick edifice on Ford avenue. The first church was a small wood building, but sufficient to meet the then existing needs of the society. It was dedi-

christ, Mrs. P. C. Gilchrist, Mattie A. Price, Harriet E. Barnes and Lydia Ann Burnside. Rev. Mr. White continued as pastor until April 1, 1884. The names of the succeeding pastors are presented below, the figures being the dates of installation and dismissal respectively: Rev. L. F. Porter, 1877-1881; Rev. H. K. White, 1881-1884; Rev. B. Brunning, 1884-1885; Rev. E. T. Temple, 1885-1889; Rev. I. C. F. Grumbine, 1889-1889; Rev. C. P. Hall, 1889-1890; Rev. W. T. Stowe, 1891-1892; Rev. E. F. Temple, 1892-1895; Rev. L. L. Greene, 1896. Early in Mr. Temple's second pastorate it



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cated near the close of the year 1897, Rev. Edwin Hubbel Chapin, D. D., of New York city, preaching the sermon of dedication. Rev. Mr. Porter resigned his pastorate April 1, 1881, on which date the Rev. H. K. White was installed as his successor.

On December 9th, 1881, the Chapin Memorial church was organized in connection with the society, Rev. Mr. White administering the rite of baptism, and Rev. E. F. Pembee extending the hand of fellowship of the church to the following persons: Ira D. Woolf, George D. Swart, Mrs. George D. Swart, Lillian A. Swart, Mrs. W. H. Morris, P. C. Gil-

christ, Mrs. P. C. Gilchrist, Mattie A. Price, Harriet E. Barnes and Lydia Ann Burnside. Rev. Mr. White continued as pastor until April 1, 1884. The names of the succeeding pastors are presented below, the figures being the dates of installation and dismissal respectively: Rev. L. F. Porter, 1877-1881; Rev. H. K. White, 1881-1884; Rev. B. Brunning, 1884-1885; Rev. E. T. Temple, 1885-1889; Rev. I. C. F. Grumbine, 1889-1889; Rev. C. P. Hall, 1889-1890; Rev. W. T. Stowe, 1891-1892; Rev. E. F. Temple, 1892-1895; Rev. L. L. Greene, 1896. Early in Mr. Temple's second pastorate it became evident that the church building was inadequate to the needs of the society, and on July 24, 1893, a meeting was called for the purpose of considering the subject of building a new church, and a committee consisting of S. R. Barnes, William H. Morris and P. C. Gilchrist were appointed a building committee for obtaining plans and prosecuting the work of building the new church. Through the untiring effort of Pastor Temple and the committee the old building was soon removed and the new one in process of construction on the old site. Services were for a time held in Merchant's Exchange



hall. As the church neared completion, a meeting of the society was called for January 23, 1894, at which time a committee on dedication was appointed consisting of David Whipple, P. I. Bugbee, Mrs. W. H. Morris and Mrs. P. I. Bugbee. The dedication took place in April 4, 1894. Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., preaching the sermon. The present condition of the society with its beautiful and tasty church edifice is an indication of prosperity and a prediction of progress. It is in good financial standing. Its membership, though small, is continually increasing. A society numerically small is by no means indicative that it is an inferior or unimportant organization. In objects of worthy charity this society stands second to none. The generosity of the individual members of the society is in this respect otherwise noteworthy.

**Rev. L. Q. Greene**, the present pastor of the Chapin Memorial Church, is a native of Rochester, Vt. He is a son of Milton and Aurora—Goodno—Greene, and was born sometime in the 19th century. He resided in his native town until he was ten years of age, when he removed, with his parents, to Granville, Vt., where the family remained six years. During his boyhood days he attended the common schools where he resided. He then removed to Stockbridge, Vt., and attended the State Normal school at Randolph. He afterwards went to Canton N. Y., at which place he pursued a theological course of study at St. Lawrence University. He was graduated from that institution in June, 1879, and in the following July assumed charge of the Universalist Church at Churchville, N. Y. He remained at that place till May, 1880, when he was called to Williamstown, Vt. He was ordained as a clergyman at that place in June, 1880. He preached at Williamstown and also filled the pastorate at Washington for nearly four years. January 1, 1884, he went to Bath, Me. At the latter place he continued in the ministry until December 1, 1887, when he was called to Springfield, Vt. He remained there until he was called to Wakefield, Mass., in May, 1889. There he continued his pastorate for six years and nine months, coming to Oneonta on February 1, 1896.

Rev. Mr. Greene belongs to a large family. His father, Milton Greene, now resides in Randolph, Vt., and his mother passed to the home above in July, 1880. Mr. Greene has five brothers and two sisters living. They are Rev. R. A. Greene, pastor of Grace Universalist Church, in Lowell, Mass.; Dr. L. M. Greene and Dr. O. D. Greene, of Bethel, Vt.; Mr. O. R. Greene, of Randolph, Vt.; Mr. O. E. Greene, of Glen Cove, L. I.; Mrs. F. P. Twitchell, of Bethel, Vt.; and Mr. H. P. Chadwick, of Randolph, Vt.; an older brother, Mr. R. E. Greene, died at Granville, Vt., in 1883, at the age of 33 years. In August, 1879, Mr. Greene married Miss Jennie E. Martin, of Salisbury, Vt. They were married at Gaysville, in that State. Rev. and Mrs. Greene have an only son, Ransom A. Greene.

**Albert H. Tipple**, succeeded D. E. Hubbard in the business conducted in what is known as the Racquet store, No. 12 Chestnut street, May 16, 1894. Since then he has made many improvements, putting in a cash carrier system and electric lights,

enlarging the conveniences for the accommodation of his patrons and adding very largely to the stock, so that now the store contains one of the best selections of a large variety of that kind of useful and ornamental goods, making the Racquet store popular to all classes of customers, notably all grades and patterns in stationery, crockery, china, artists' supplies and notions. As Mr. Tipple is a practical workman and designer in picture frames and has exceptional facilities for that work, he makes it a specialty. The Racquet is an interesting place to visit, so much that is beautiful filling the shelves and covering the counters in such profusion as to create wonder where it all came from. Mr. Tipple was born in Valatie, Columbia Co., N. Y., December 3, 1858. At sixteen years of age he began selling goods on the road, which he followed for seven years. For three years he was at Colliersville, and in 1888 he came to Oneonta. He married Libbie



L. W. FERENBAUGH.

Nelson, of East Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., December 25, 1878. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

**The Glenwood Cemetery Association** was organized on May 10, 1886. The grounds comprise sixty acres, lying upon the northerly side of the valley, with an outlook of fifteen miles along the Susquehanna valley either north or south. The incorporators are: William McCrum, George Smart, D. W. Ford, A. F. Wing, W. L. Brown, George Fairchild, W. A. E. Tompkins, Reuben Reynolds, Henry Whitman, F. A. Norton, Hiram Brewer, James Stewart. Meetings are held the second Monday in May of each year to elect two trustees, the full board constituting six. The officers are: Trustees—Albert Morris, president; George I. Wilber, vice-president; W. L. Brown, treasurer; L. C. Gurney, secretary; James Stewart and Reuben Reynolds.



FORD &amp; ROWE, STORE AND ELEVATOR.

**Burr Mattice**, Justice of the Supreme Court of the Sixth Judicial District, by the appointment of Gov. Morton on December 31, 1895, made to fill the vacancy caused by the election of the Hon. Ceola E. Martin, as Judge of the Court of Appeals, was nominated to succeed himself at the Republican Judicial Convention in Binghamton in the fall of 1896, and was afterward endorsed by the Democratic convention. Of course he was elected, without opposition, for the usual term, fourteen years, beginning January 1, 1897. By a succession of personal triumphs, Judge Mattice had achieved a public prominence, and next to the highest elevation as a jurist of this State before entering his 41st year. His promotion from private life to district attorney, then county judge, and, comparatively, recently, to his present exalted station, was due more largely to a just recognition of his ability, his broad statesmanship and his high character in private life. At each successive step he was rewarded with signal success. In the position of district attorney, to which he was elected in the fall of 1889, his services were so highly estimated by voters of both parties, that upon receiving the nomination for county judge in 1893, he was elected to that position by one of the largest majorities ever awarded to a candidate for county office in Otsego county. The *Utica Herald* (Oct. 11, 1893) referred to him as follows: "His record as district attorney has seldom been equaled. Trying his cases alone and without expense to the county for counsel, he convicted every defendant brought to the bar save only one." Many other papers spoke of him in equally high terms. As a district attorney he acted in all cases judiciously and conscientiously, and with such regard for public interests and justice, that

the county was not burdened with the expense of fruitless and unjust prosecutions, and in no case was an indictment drawn by him set aside for being defective.

The *Oneonta Herald*, at the close of Judge Mattice's term, said: "The records show that during Mr. Mattice's administration the annual expense of the criminal department of the county has averaged about \$2,000 below the average of the twelve preceding years."

As county judge, which office he resigned to enter upon higher duties January 1, 1896, he won that distinction for impartiality and dignity which recommended him to Gov. Morton for appointment as Supreme Court judge. He was a candidate for the Supreme Court bench in the fall of 1895, to fill the office created by the new Constitution in the Sixth Judicial district, and was defeated in the convention by Judge Lyon. Judge Mattice was the son of a farmer, and was born in Jefferson, Schoharie county, July 10, 1856. At fifteen years of age he entered the public school at Oneonta. In 1879 he was admitted to the bar. The Republicans of the county retained him as chairman of the county committee for several successive terms, and under his leadership the normal majority was more than doubled. He has served as corporation counsel. Judge Mattice is an active supporter of all public measures. He occupies a prominent place in the councils of the Masonic fraternity; is a member of the Oneonta club, and has served in the Third Separate company of the National Guard, as private, as sergeant and as lieutenant.

In 1880 he was married to Miss Charlotte Johnson, of Meredith, Delaware county.

**P. P. Cooper Encampment, No. 112, I. O. O. F.**, was instituted June 19, 1889. The regular meetings are held every evening of the fourth Wednesday of each month, in the Wilber block. The officers are H. P., Geo. Riley; C. P., George Chandler; S. W., C. M. Hollister; scribe, F. Olin; treasurer, E. R. Norton.



THE WINDSOR HOTEL.





Photo. by Smith. A. E. CEPERLEY'S RESIDENCE.

**The United Presbyterian Church.**— This congregation worships in the neat brick church on Dietz street. It is the youngest society in Oneonta, yet during its brief life, it has made substantial progress and secured for itself a pleasant home. The need of a United Presbyterian Church in Oneonta had long been recognized by the Presbytery of Delaware, which has the oversight of the interests of United Presbyterianism in Otsego county. But beyond occasional preaching, nothing was done to secure a congregation until the spring of 1889. Rev. J. R. Frazier had been most active in promoting the interests of the denomination, and was appointed by the Presbytery a committee on organization. Elder C. M. Hendry was also on the committee. On the 5th of May, 1889, Rev. Frazier met the people, preached from Romans 14: 10, and organized the congregation by receiving six persons as members. An election of elders was held, and Mr. Jas. Dougherty and Mr. Benjamin Tiffany were chosen to the office: at the same time Hon. H. D. Nelson, A. R. Gibbs, Esq., and Benjamin Tiffany were elected trustees. Although organized for work, the little congregation was without a home and without a pastor. In September, 1889, Rev. L. E. Hawk took charge of the field by appointment of the Presbytery. The society prospered under his care. Soon property was purchased on Dietz street. The building upon it was used as a place of meeting for several years. The erection of a church building was begun in 1893. The difficulties to be overcome by so small a band of workers begat discouragements. Under the influence of these and other causes, the congregation was much troubled. Before the church building was completed, Rev. Hawk accepted a call to a large church in Omaha, Neb. The congregation, being left without a pastor, completed their church, and August, 1894, requested the appointment of Rev. R. L. Welch as pastor by the Presbytery, which was granted, and under his charge the work has gone forward. Growth has

been substantial and rapid, perfect harmony has prevailed, and the spiritual life of the people has grown stronger. During the past two years the efficient membership has almost doubled. The church uses entirely the system of voluntary support. No assessment rates or sale of seats has ever been used; yet, during the past year, the contributions averaged a little less than \$14.00 per member. The present officers of the church are: Elders: Jas. Dougherty, John McLaury, G. W. Laidlaw and Wm. Wright. Trustees: J. P. Elliott, M. D., treasurer; R. R. Mackey, Wm. Wright, Samuel Nelson and Jas. Dougherty. The Sabbath-school is well manned and efficient. The high average attendance, about 70 per cent of enrollment, is a token of the interest and efficiency. The officers

are: Superintendent, Dewhurst McLaury; assistant, John G. Wright; secretary and treasurer, Miss Anna Phye. The Ladies' Missionary Society, organized in 1891, has been one of the most helpful of the church's auxiliaries. It provided the windows and the furnishings for the church. The officers are: President, Mrs. R. L. Welch; secretary, Mrs. G. W. Laidlaw; treasurer, Mrs. Albert Scramling. The Christian Endeavor Society numbers 31 members. These are all active, and are well trained and efficient in their work. By means of a committee, the society has charge of a junior society of 12 members. The officers: President, Miss Elizabeth Lawson; vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Hastings; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Russell. With the aid of these organizations the United Presbyterian Church carries on her work with growing power.

**Susquehanna Lodge, No. 71, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen,** was organized May 8, 1881, with twenty-nine charter members. It has an efficient set of officers and ninety-five members, and is in good condition. Its regular meetings are held in I. O. O. F. Hall the second and fourth Sundays of each month.



ON THE SUSQUEHANNA.



J. E. HOLDREDGE'S STORE.

The Firm of Mills, Stone & Co., one of the largest dealers in coal in the Susquehanna valley, consists of Wm. M. Mills, F. W. Stone, S. C. Miller and Wm. M. Mills, Jr. The business was started on July 1, 1886, by the first two named gentlemen under the name of Mills & Stone. The present copartnership was formed on July 8, 1896. The office and yards are situated at the foot of Broad street, opposite the depot, where the firm has ample track facilities for loading their wagons and bins. The anthracite coal handled by this firm is from the D. & H. and the Berwynd-White mines. The principal soft coal is the Eureka. An important part of Mills, Stone & Co.'s business is butter, made in a large creamery in the town of Franklin, Delaware county, from the product of 300 Jersey cows. This butter, rated as No. 1, finds a ready market at top figures. At the World's Fair in Chicago it was awarded a certificate for flavor, showing the credit of 97 out of the possible 100 points. Mr. William M. Mills, the senior partner, is a practical butter maker, and he established the dairy business which has grown to the importance we have indicated. On a farm of 800 acres near the village of North Franklin is his home, and there he spends the most of his time devoting personal attention to the creamery. He was born in Tyringham, Berkshire county, Mass., Sept. 15, 1828. The following spring his parents located on the Franklin farm, the ownership of which has remained with the family. He has served as justice of the peace in that town for sixteen years, and as supervisor two years. On October 24, 1854, he married Eunice, the daughter of Morton B. Emmons of Davenport, Delaware

county. Their children are Mrs. F. H. Stone, Mrs. Dr. A. U. Brownell, Mrs. S. C. Miller and Wm. M. Mills, Jr., of Oneonta; Morton L. Mills, of Oneida, and Mrs. E. A. Scott, of New York. F. H. Stone was born in Scranton, Pa., Oct. 1, 1848. He was engaged in shipping milk from Nov. 15, 1869, to June 1, 1873. He then took a two years' course in the Franklin, Delaware county, literary institute, and returned to Scranton in 1875. In 1884 he entered the First National Bank in Oneonta, where he remained until he became one of the present firm. Samuel C. Miller was born in Springfield, Mo., June

13, 1869. For four years he was engaged in the drug business in Washington. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and Oneonta Club. William Mills, Jr., was born in Franklin June 11, 1865. He attended the Franklin literary institute, afterwards entering the employ of Mills & Stone as bookkeeper, where he remained until he became one of the firm.

The Board of Health comprises the following: Supervisor Henry Bull, chairman; D. J. Yager, G. L. Huntington, James B. Galen, B. W. Hoyer, A. B. Tobey, O. W. Peck, M. D., health officer, and A. D. Hitchcock, clerk. The members draw pay only for actual service, and the health officer draws a salary fixed by the board. During recent years the board has been very active in abating all forms of public nuisance and whatever proves to be a menace to good health. It may be said that the average good health of the community is largely due to the active and unremitting efforts of the board of health.



MILLS, STONE &amp; CO., COAL.



**The-Up-to-Date** wholesale and retail grocery has in about a year developed into one of the largest retail houses in this part of the State. Its business has increased so steadily that it outstrips some of its older competitors. When Conant retired, on Nov. 23, 1895, and the Oneonta Grocery Company took the business and swung out the legend: "The-Up-to-Date Grocery," the people observed that a spirit of progressiveness and hustle was inspiring the new house. The retail trade at once increased to such an extent that it was found necessary to obtain more

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Mr. W. F. Eggleston, the manager of this com-



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THE ONEONTA GROCERY CO. AND ITS COURTEOUS STAFF.

room, the company having in the meantime branched into jobbing. The store, located in the Central Hotel building, is one of the largest in town, comprising a main floor 117x25 and a cellar enclosing a much larger space. The public found that the new concern was buying in jobbing lots and discounting its bills and that its patrons were getting the benefit. The result was that while every inch of room was taken up with strictly groceries, no mixed lines being carried, still larger quarters were needed. Every clerk that could be worked to an advantage was em-

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pany came to Oneonta with experience in the grocery business. He was born in Allegany, Cattaraugus county, Feb. 4, 1871, and at 12 years of age went into the store of B. H. Green, wholesale grocer, where he remained eight years. For five years he was general agent for the Dingman Soap Company, traveling through twenty-three States. In the UP-TO-DATE which he has made popular and widely known outside of Oneonta, there are employed Miss Helena Shields, bookkeeper, and J. H. Potter, F. J. Campbell, S. B. Elliott, C. H. Walling, C. E. Kennedy and E. D. Munson.

**Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.**—"To live is not to live for one's self alone; let us help one another." This was the sentiment that prompted a small number of railroad brakemen in Oneonta, N. Y., some thirteen years ago, to lay the foundation of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; the object of the organization being to advance their moral and intellectual interests; to protect their families by a systematic benevolence; and a desire at all times to bring about a fair understanding between employer and employe. A few brakemen of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company employed at Oneonta, N. Y., met Sept. 23, 1883, and organized

tially understood when it is known that over \$3,460,885 has been paid in claims. They publish the *Trainmen's Journal*, a monthly magazine of 120 pages, consuming nearly six tons of paper each month, and requiring one hundred and twenty-five (125) U. S. mail sacks to carry them to their destination. Railway managers have come to recognize in the brotherhood a school for the mental, moral and physical development of their men, and as fitting them for the great trust of life and property placed in their keeping. The local lodge consists of ninety members, and not only bears the distinction of being lodge No. 1, but also the name of our esteemed



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THE D. &amp; H. R. R. SHOPS AND YARDS.

the first lodge of railroad brakemen. The order from this small beginning grew so that in the following year they assumed the enormous task of uniting into one order the brakemen of the United States and Canada, thus giving the organization national scope and importance. To-day there are over 500 lodges, with over 30,000 members, scattered all over the United States and Canada. Each member carries at his own option \$400, \$800 or \$12,000, any one, two, or all three amounts, which are payable to the member on his becoming totally incapacitated for railroad work, or to his family on his death. The amount of good accomplished by this may be par-

townsman, Daniel Hopkins, who is also for the L. A. to B. of R. T. The present corps of officers are: Master, F. L. Hathaway; vice master, J. H. Steffen; past master, H. S. Brown; secretary, L. D. Slade; financier, F. W. Miller; chaplain, T. M. Earles; conductor, J. Redmond; outside guard, A. M. McKenney; inside guard, J. L. Card; *Journal* agent, J. Volwider; warden, J. C. Carr.

**S. G. Camp**, a well-known horseman of this place, owns the largest livery outfit on the Susquehanna road, and the most important boarding and cab stables. He went into the livery business at the latter place in the rear of the Union block seven years ago.





GEORGE I. WILBER'S RESIDENCE, FORD AVENUE.

In March, 1896, he bought the old Sitt's stand on Broad street, adapting that exclusively for the livery business, by enlarging and improving the premises, so that now it is equal in conveniences and in equipment to any livery in the city of Binghamton. The Main street stables are used wholly to accommodate boarders and the rigs he used in the public cab line which he established three years ago and which has proven a success. Upon taking possession of the Broad street stables he sold out the old rigs and put in a large number of new and modern vehicles. These included three and four seaters, surreys, barouches, coupes, light and heavy spring and platform wagons, not forgetting to mention a four-horse tally-ho which is quite popular for large parties during the summer season and the best outfit of conveyances for funeral purposes. The latter includes two large hearses, one of which cost \$1,400, and a white hearse, the coupe for the minister and the three-seater for the bearers. The livery comprises 28 horses, 40 sets of new harness, 40 light and 18 heavy wagons, with a large line of sleighs. Mr. Camp is the owner of Maud Adair, who was generally the winner the past year, and two other trotters.

Walter L. Brown, State Senator, was elected for the long term of three years, provided under the new Constitution of the State, taking his seat from the Thirty-third Senatorial district, which comprises the counties of Otsego and Herkimer, on January 1, 1896. Prepared by his legislative experience of five years in the Assembly, he assumed his duties as member of the higher house with the ease and readiness of a tried legislator. The Senator was a working member in its best sense. He was always found

in his seat during the sessions, getting at his mail long before the house was called to order, and attending to the demands upon his time by his constituents, who had business of some nature calling them to Albany. The Senator is chairman of the miscellaneous corporations committee and a member of finance, and internal affairs of towns and counties. The result of his first winter in the Senate is measured not alone by the bills he introduced but by the efforts he put forth in aid of the party measures, which called forth the most untiring and loyal support of every member of the majority. Although he was faithful to the interests of his party, for which he has spent much time and money in years past, still he preserved that independence of personal action which every faithful legislator recognizes as the basis of a clean and proud record. His success in business

has inspired him with that confidence which aids any one in maintaining what he believes to be right. At home he is regarded as the promoter and most active supporter of all matters tending to public improvement. He is interested in all local organizations, a contributor to everything that any body of his fellow citizens endorse, and a giver of many private charities. He has been in business there since September 1, 1872, when he left a profitable clerkship with L. Pruyn & Son of Albany, where he had been since 1868, the time he left his father's home. He was one of the projectors, and is now the president, of the Central New York Agricultural Society. He has been practically the main stay of that organization, and it is in a large measure due to his personal means that it has succeeded.

Mr. Brown was born in Carlisle, Schoharie county, September 5, 1846, and was educated in the common schools, supplemented with active business life. Since 1878 he has been very active in politics. He served as supervisor for seven years, occupying the



Photo by Smith.

COLBURN BROS. FURNISHING STORE.

most important places on the committees. In 1888 he was elected to the Assembly, and also served in 1889, '91, '92 and '93. The first four years he represented the Second Otsego district. The last year the county had but one member. The first two years he served on the appropriations committee. Taking a deep interest in all public matters, he enlisted in what was at that time the Thirty-third separate company, and served his time of enlistment. He has been a member of the Normal school local board, the fire department, and one of the trustees of the village, of which he has also been president several years. He built up a large hardware, plumbing and heating business, and during the past year took in a partner, the firm now being Brown & Ward.

**Nathaniel Niles Bull** was born Feb. 28, 1823, at Broome, Schoharie county, N. Y. His mother was a daughter of Nathaniel Niles, one of the early settlers of the town of Oneonta, and whose name he bears. His early years were spent on his father's farm, and his early education such as the district schools of the time and place afforded. He has a grateful recollection of one of his early schoolmates, Frederic

He afterwards went west and taught in the city schools in Oskaloosa, Iowa. In 1860 he returned from the west and taught for a time in Burlington, N. J. He was again in Oneonta as teacher, in 1863, 1864 and 1865. He was connected with Lowell's Commercial College in Binghamton for some years, most of the time as principal teacher. In 1870 he was offered, and accepted, the principalship of the Oneonta Union School, which had then been established two years. He held the position as principal until about 1888, when the office of Superintendent was created. This he was chosen to fill, and held the same until the close of the school year 1895, when he retired. His school work, with some intermissions, extends from 1838 to 1895. He is now a resident of Oneonta and still maintains an active interest in whatever concerns the prosperity of the village of his adoption, and of the affairs of the day, political and otherwise.

**The Oneonta Wheel Club** was organized in 1893 with about fifty members, George B. Baird being the first president. The following year the club leased grounds for five years, dating from April 1, 1894, and built a quarter-mile bicycle track, at a cost of

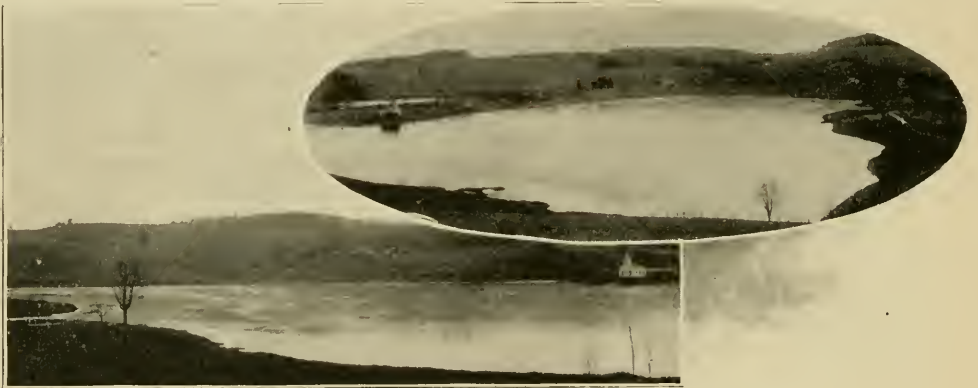


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WILBER'S LAKE, THE SOURCE OF ONEONTA'S WATER SUPPLY.

Stewart, at the time a somewhat elderly man, who owned a small farm and devoted his winters to teaching; he was a born teacher and had a wonderful influence over his pupils. From him the subject of this sketch claims to have received the impulse which was the basis of whatever success he may have since achieved. He was afterward a student in the Nine Partners (Friends) boarding school, in Dutchess county, at that time an institution of some note, since removed to Union Springs, Cayuga county; and after that, at Delaware Literary Institute, Franklin, N. Y. His first venture in teaching was in the winter of 1838, and 1839, in Schoharie county; the next, as assistant teacher in the Friends' boarding school; after that he taught in district and village schools. He taught at Laurens in 1844, in Oneonta in 1848. In the Spring of 1848 he was agreeably surprised to receive from the office of Public Instruction a State certificate, dated Feb. 7, 1847, and signed by N. S. Benton, Secretary of State. This was the more gratefully received from the fact that it had been issued without his solicitation or knowledge, more than a year before it was received.

\$1,500 for fencing and grading. At the opening of the track Johnson, Bald, Sanger, Tyler and about twenty-five other crack class-B men, in fact, all the prominent riders of the country, were in the races, besides about forty of the local class-A men. During the same year Jenny, of Utica, made the world's one-half mile unpaced record in 1 minute, 2 seconds, on this track. The track is beautifully situated, a grove of pines on the north-west side shading the grand stand and home stretch. While the track has not developed any phenomenally fast riders, it has been a pleasant place to learn to scorch and to take a spin when the roads are not in good condition, the surface being well drained and hard. It has, no doubt, done much to add to the popularity of the pleasant and exhilarating exercise of bicycle riding.

**The Bachelors' Club**, a well known young men's society, was organized January 28, 1894. The charter members were: Clarence A. MacMinny, Harry J. Baker, John L. Fletcher, George W. Norton, Elmer B. Langdon and Charles J. Beams. The first place of meeting was in the Reynold's block, but as the





HAYES &amp; BOWDITCH, CIGAR FACTORY.

club increased in number it removed to the G. A. R. rooms, and finally to the I. O. O. F. Hall, the present place of meeting. This club was formed chiefly for the purpose of literary work, and along this line it has become noted. It has also been popular socially, having given many entertainments and receptions to its friends, besides closing two of its seasons with highly successful banquets. The Bachelors' Club has an active membership of twenty-five, and during the three years of its existence has done much for its members. In beginning this, the fourth season, it is the wish of its many friends that the high standard maintained in the past may be the guide for the future usefulness and popularity of this organization.

**Hon. Abraham L. Kellogg** was born at Treadwell, Delaware county, N. Y., May 1, 1860, at which place his father and mother, Marvin Douglas and Hannah Kellogg, were residents for more than half a century. On his father's side he is of Puritan ancestry. His mother was descended from the ancient and well-known Schermerhorn family of Schodack, Rensselaer county, N. Y. Mr. Kellogg was educated in the common schools and at the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin, N. Y. He began the study of law with the well-known lawyer, L. L. Bundy, at Oneonta, N. Y., August 26, 1881, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1883, at Albany, N. Y., entering at once upon a practice which has been lucrative. His offices in the First National Bank building are among the finest in the county. In 1883 he was elected corporation clerk, and in 1884 was elected clerk of the board of supervisors of Otsego county by acclamation. During the years 1884-5, he was a clerk in the New York State Senate. He served eight years in the State National Guard and five years in the Oneonta Fire Department. At the present time he belongs to the Veteran Firemen's Association of Oneonta, is a member of One-

onta Lodge, No. 466, F. & A. M., of Oneonta Chapter No. 277, R. A. M., and of the Oneonta Club. Mr. Kellogg was one of the active and prominent organizers of the Otsego County Firemen's Association, and was selected as its first State representative. During the last two years he has been a member of the law committee and participates actively in all that pertains to the welfare of the association. He is also an honorary and life member. In politics, always a Republican, he has done active and zealous work for his party, and has also attended many of its conventions, both county and State. At the general election in 1893, he was chosen to represent the Twenty-third New York senatorial district in the State constitutional convention which convened in the city of Albany, May 8, 1894, for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the State. He served in that body on the important committees of State finances and taxation and taxation and charities and charitable institutions, and took an active part in its debates and proceedings, his speech on suffrage calling forth much favorable comment. He is frequently called upon for orations and addresses, which fact has given him a wide acquaintanceship. Mr. Kellogg is a constant student of history and of public affairs, and his name has already been mentioned in connection with other public positions, should he choose to again enter the field of politics. Besides a splendid law library, he has a large and well-selected private library in which he takes much pride. He was married to Miss May Blakeslee Lewis of Otsego, N. Y., June 21, 1893. They have one child, Lincoln Lewis, born September 23, 1894, and reside on Ford avenue, where he owns a fine residence.

**Mrs. Olive G. Richmond**, wife of one of the proprietors of the Windsor, and the owner of that property, was born in New Lisbon, Otsego county, where her father, Clark Gardner, was for many years a farmer. During the life of her first husband she was actively engaged in hotel management, showing her business capacity and tact by successfully conducting a house in Albany for eight years, by the means of which she acquired much of the property she now possesses.



ELI ROSE.

**St. Mary's Church** (Roman Catholic), on the corner of Main and Grand streets. This was the first Catholic church built in Oneonta. The corner stone was laid October 5, 1884. Rev. James H. Maney was its first pastor. This is a prosperous church, and has a membership of 500 communicants. The present pastor is Rev. D. E. Murphy, and the trustees Jeremiah Whaley and Charles Morrison.



CHARLES SMITH.

THOMAS DOYLE.

Doyle & Smith are among the largest cigar manufacturers in the State. The firm was organized March 2, 1885. Some idea of the amount of business transacted by this firm is obtained from the fact that its output is six millions of cigars a year, and that during the most ordinary season it employs at least one hundred and twenty-five people. Through this single channel the money that is placed in circulation in this town is of great importance. The trade is extended over a large scope of country. The members of the firm are public spirited, and have shown in many ways practical earnestness in their devotion to the welfare of the town. They have constructed a large, substantial and imposing factory building on Broad street and a handsome brick business block on Main street. Their homes are large, pretty residences. They began business in the second story of the E. R. Ford block. Two years later their business had outgrown its modest quarters and they leased four floors in the Westcott block. In 1889, finding that trade was still crowding them for more room, they built their present factory. It comprises four floors and a basement, with a width of twenty-five feet and a depth of seventy feet. The basement is used for the storage of leaf tobacco. On the first floor are commodious offices and a large shipping room. The three upper floors were devoted to manufacturing, but finding that amount of room inadequate, three years ago they had erected an additional three-story building 40 x 70, on Mechanic street. Uniting the two buildings with a connecting way in the rear, they have one large factory with six floors, constructed with the special

purpose for which it is used and affording conveniences not excelled by any factory in the State. This firm advertises very largely, and its goods wherever introduced are recognized as leaders, notably the "Headlight" and the "Main Line," which have a wide reputation. They have lately introduced a new brand which bids fair to become just as popular, the "On Top." Thomas Doyle was born in Norwich, October 11, 1855, and removed to Oneonta in September, 1875, he is a practical cigar maker, having had charge of large shops up to the time of the organization of the firm. He is a member of the Oneonta Club, and of the Veteran Firemen's Association, and was one of the organizers of the Lewis Hose Company. He married Sarah A. Naughton, of Norwich, on April 24, 1875. Charles Smith was born in Albany, August 6, 1855, and moved to Oneonta in October, 1872, where he was employed in the car shops. Two years later he started the retail tobacco business which he conducted until the formation of the present firm. He married Miss Charlotte T., the daughter of Wm. D. Bissell, of Oneonta, on June 7, 1879. He is the Master of the Oneonta Lodge, No. 466, F. & A. M., and a member of the Oneonta Chapter and the Malta Commandery; also, a member of the Little Falls Lodge of Elks, the Centennial Lodge I. O. O. F., and is one of the board of Governors of the Oneonta Club. He was one of the organizers and was an active member of the Lewis Hose Company for fourteen years; also, one of the board of trustees of the Oneonta Hospital.

The Rev. John Evans Bold, the present rector of St. James' church, was born in Beaufort, South Carolina in *ante-bellum* times. Having moved to Charleston a short time before the close of the war, he was prepared for college in that city at "The Holy Communion Church Institute," now known as the "Porter Academy." Here he took the gold medal, the highest prize for general scholarship in the classical department for three successive years; and, as a member of the vested choir, and a lay reader, was the rector's assistant in rendering the services of the church. In 1874 he entered Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and was graduated in the class of '78. At Union Mr. Bold organized the "Union College musical association," and was its



THOMAS DOYLE'S RESIDENCE.

CHARLES SMITH'S RESIDENCE.



director until his graduation. He also gave much time to military tactics, and athletics, was a member of the University boat crew, and captain of company A. of the college cadets. In Sept. '79 he entered the General Theological Seminary, New York city, and was graduated in the class of '82. During these three years he had the advantage of working in Old Trinity Church, as a teacher in the Sunday school, a member of the choir, and a visitor among the west side poor. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Doane in all Saint's Cathedral, Albany, June 1st, '82, and was advanced to the priesthood by the same bishop, in the Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga, N. Y., May 18, 1883. On Sunday, July 2d, '82, he became rector of the Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga, where by his untiring efforts a new and beautiful church was built to take the place of one destroyed by fire, and new life was infused into every depart-

were left in Johnstown as an indication of some of the activities of a three years' rectorship. At Oneonta Mr. Bold found an enthusiastic and growing parish which attested its zeal by proceeding at once with the building of the rectory, and again, the next year, by the purchase of a suitable pipe organ to complete the equipment of the church, and to-day the indications of this continued prosperity are evident in the well-filled church, the faithfulness of communicants, and the readiness of parishioners, generally, to lend a hand in every good work.

**Laurens & Rowe**, jobbers and wholesalers of crockery and notions, succeeds the firm of C. K. Lauren & Son, to the business which was established by C. K. Lauren in 1856. The members of the present firm are C. K. Lauren, B. C. Lauren and H. S. Rowe. The change in the firm dates January 1, 1887. For ten years the business was the retail



DOYLE & SMITH'S CIGAR FACTORY, BROAD AND MECHANIC STS.

ment of church work. In the early part of '87 he accepted a call to be assistant in St. James' Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and in August of the same year was elected to the rectorship of that parish on the resignation of the Rev. Chas. H. Smith. In September '89, being asked by the Bishop of Pittsburg to take charge of the re-establishment of the Episcopal Church work at Johnstown, Penn., Mr. Bold decided, after serious deliberation, to undertake the trying task, and entered upon his duties there November 1st, 1889. Besides the regular work of caring for the spiritual and bodily needs of an afflicted and scattered people, there was the grading of lots, and the erection of buildings to look after, and when on November 1st, '92, a call to St. James', Oneonta, was accepted, two churches and a rectory, representing the expenditure of over fifty thousand dollars,

of groceries, crockery, lamps, vases and all styles of plain and fancy earthen and china ware. With the addition of Mr. Rowe, who resigns a profitable clerkship in M. Gurney & Sons to enter the firm, the scope of its retail trade will not only be considerably enlarged, but its wholesale business in crockery and notions will become one of the most important in this section of the State. Mr. C. K. Lauren was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, N. Y., June 8, 1837. Nine years ago he came to Oneonta and bought out Fletcher & Murdock. He married Martha Fletcher, of Oneonta, April 28, 1892. B. C. Lauren was born in Kortright, Delaware county, June 8, 1869. For two years he was a clerk with Ford & Rowe. He married Grace Rowe October 3, 1894. H. Spencer Rowe was with M. Gurney & Sons four years. In 1894 he was graduated from the Oneonta Normal school. Mr. Rowe will do most of the selling for the house on the road.

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REV. N. M. HALL's article on Oneonta on page 28 is a briefly, pithy summary of what Oneonta is to-day.

THE HISTORY of the fire department on page 45 represents more wearisome search of statistics than one would suppose. It is the first compilation of important facts.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL sketch is a valuable summarization of the beginning and the growth of that important institution. It is especially valuable as presenting historical data never before compiled in print.

THE PHOTOS from which the portraits in this SOUVENIR are made are the work of Messrs. Young, Van Woert and Curtis. The former made most of the negatives for the group of the Third Separate Company, and Curtis made the rest. Mr. Van Woert assumed no small task in photographing the firemen for the two large groups shown elsewhere. It is to the patience, skill and experience of the photographers of Oneonta that the excellent results of some of the best features of this work are due, and in years to come the pages of the SOUVENIR OF ONEONTA will bear witness to their enterprise and ability in a monument more durable and attractive than were the summary of their virtues graven in stone.

THE SPLENDID VIEWS of town and country, buildings and stores shown in these pages are the work of an artist, a young man who, while attending the Normal school, divides his afternoon and evening hours for study and for photographing views by which he may acquire means to obtain an education. Howard N. Smith, a sketch of whom appears in another column, is, at the age of twenty-seven years, a master of the profession he has chosen. That is to say, he possesses that natural ability which is rare, lacking only the experience which many older view photographers have acquired without possessing the accomplishment. Many of the views were made in unfavorable weather, and we defy any artist to compare results under the same conditions. The negatives represent many hours of patient and persistent labor, and as a collection of local views they are worth a good many dollars to any one who is especially interested in the town. The Masterpiece is the bird's-eye view taken from the hill above Clin-

ton street. This was a difficult undertaking and a pronounced success. Four plates were exposed to take in an extent visible to the eye of about five miles. The prints were joined to complete the single view. Most bird's-eye views are made in drawings. This shows the town very clearly as it is to-day. Mr. Smith should realize a large sale of these prints. In conclusion we desire to acknowledge ourselves greatly indebted to him.

**Howard Nathan Smith** was born January 18, 1873, in Middlefield, Otsego county, N. Y. He was graduated from the Cobleskill High school, class of '93, at which time he received the Reed Hogan gold medal for the best oration. Came to Oneonta in July of same year and entered the employ of R. P. Young, remaining with him three years. In July, 1896, started in the viewing branch of photography, which he carries on while pursuing studies in the Normal. Has been superintendent of First Baptist Sunday school for two years; president of Town S. S. Association; one of the assistant editors of the *Oneontan*; one of the instructors in Y. M. C. A. evening classes, and is much interested in the Y. V. C. A. work. Has a complete equipment for making views of every description.

**H. B. Gildersleeve**, druggist in the Ford & Ford building, No. 145 Main street, carries a very large line of drugs—equal to that of many stores in more pretentious towns. Having ample room for the display of goods he presents to the public an attractive store, showing very good taste in the interior arrangements. It is complete in every line he handles, and does him and his assistants great credit. Everything is modern and new in style. He has a large stock of toilet articles, domestic and imported perfumes, and numerous other things usually sold by large retail druggists. The store is high and spacious and handsomely finished. In the rear is a department for the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations, which is an important part of his business. He has a large and cosy private office. This is a popular place for hot and cold beverages, which has become an indispensable annex to the drug business. The



OTSEGO COUNTY SCENERY.

summer drinks are drawn from a very pretty onyx fountain, having a superstructure with beveled mirrors framed in white and gold. The hot draughts come from a tile fountain which is a beauty, something entirely new. Mr. Gildersleeve was for seven years with E. R. Ford. He started in business for himself at No. 146 Main street, on November 23, 1895, and moved into his present quarters on April 1, 1896.





ONEONTA KNITTING MILL.

The Oneonta Knitting Mill is located at 82 West Broadway, occupying one-half acre of land between that street and the D. & H. R. R. This important industry produces ladies', men's and misses' hosiery in plain and fancy assortments, fast black and leather shades being at present the prevailing fashion. The mills do not spin any yarn, but knit and dye all their production. The business was started in October, 1881, in Kensington, the great manufacturing district of Philadelphia, by Messrs. Scatchard & Eddishaw, trading as E. E. Scatchard & Co. In March, 1889, their business was moved to Oneonta, Mr. J. F. Burton becoming associated with them at this time. In July, 1891, Mr. Scatchard, the present proprietor, bought out the interests of Messrs. Eddishaw & Burton, and continued the business alone, Mr. Burton remaining with the mills as salesman, Mr. Thomas Osborn, the present efficient superintendent, taking charge of the mills at this time. The business increased until in 1892 it produced over eighty thousand dozen pair of hosiery, employing between eighty and one hundred operatives. Mr. Scatchard is a grandson of Joseph Scatchard, who emigrated from Yorkshire, England, in 1842, and in 1850 began the manufacture of woolen yarn in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The business is still continued by the father and two uncles of Mr. E. E. Scatchard, and is probably the largest concern in the country which is to-day spinning woolen yarn for the trade. Mr. Scatchard was born in East Coventry, Chester county, Pennsylvania, on May 27, 1861. In 1883 he married Miss Fannie L. Harmer of Germantown. He is a member of the following Masonic lodges: Oneonta Lodge and Chapter, Philadelphia Commandery, Lulu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Albany Consistory. He is a past high priest of Germantown Chapter, Pennsylvania, and a past chancellor of Banner Lodge, K. of P.

On October 13th, 1896, Mrs. Scatchard was granted a patent for an entirely new article of clothing.

A sleeping sack for infants and small children. This article is designed to prevent children from kicking off the bed covering at night, a thing which every mother of a child from three months to seven years old will readily appreciate. This consists of a bag made with a flap continuing from the back part of the bag, with an opening for the neck of the infant, and the flap being drawn over, leaves room for the arms to protude through the sides. The article had been in use for several years prior to taking out the patent, and it fully answers the purposes for which it is intended. All physicians who have seen it pronounced it to be useful, convenient and healthy. And any person, after having used one, will be surprised that such a simple and convenient

article has not been in common use before this time. The sack is made with cotton batting inside, quilted or matted, and really makes a desirable bed covering for the child which kicks off ordinary bed clothing. The cut\* shows the sack with the flap up, and also one enclosing a child. It is the intention of Mr. Scatchard to manufacture these sacks in conjunction with his other business at the knitting mills. Beside going to the trade, he will probably employ several lady agents to canvass. Any orders sent direct to the mills will receive prompt attention.

\* See cut on another page.



ON THE OULEOUT.

**M. Gurney & Sons** succeeded to the large and prosperous business in dry goods, cloaks, carpets and draperies, which was established in 1873 by the late Milton Gurney and A. B. Tobey. In 1882, Everett J., the oldest son of Mr. Gurney was admitted to a partnership in the business, and the firm was then known as Tobey & Gurney. In August, 1894, Louis C., the second son, also became a partner, and Mr. Tobey retired.



THE D. & H. R. R. STATION.

Monday, July 6, 1896, Mr. Milton Gurney died of heart disease at his home on Main street, closing a prosperous and honorable business career of forty years in this county. Inspired with the conscientious convictions which guided their lamented father in a thoughtful, intelligent and strictly scrupulous course of dealings, the sons assumed the entire proprietorship of the business which they are now conducting, and which they have, since their father's death, greatly enlarged—a business which stands upon the same broad basis upon which it has rested for nearly a quarter of a century.

The store, located at No. 161 Main street, is the largest in the county, having a floor space of a quarter of an acre. It comprises the general goods department occupying the main floor and basement, the cloak, curtain and drapery annex on two floors, and the carpet and rug floor occupying the entire second story. The third floor is used as a stock room and for making up carpets. The store is fitted with the cash carrier system, and is throughout modern in every respect. The rooms are high and well lighted, and the arrangement of goods afford the shopper the best facilities for selecting whatever may be desired. The stock includes all that is found in the best regulated stores in many larger towns. The secret of the increasing popularity of M. Gurney & Sons is in the good taste and calculation shown, and the ample capital commanded by the buyer, reinforced with skill and good judgment, and the courteous attention shown customers on the part of the clerks. Every step taken along the interior of the store presents a display of the freshest and most attractive lines of the newest goods. It was not many years ago that a store embracing such a line of goods would have been deemed impracticable, if not a losing venture in a town so far inland as that of Oneonta.

Mr. Everett J. Gurney was born in Laurens, September 2, 1858, and obtained experience in the business as a clerk for his father. He is a member of the Oneonta lodge and chapter of Masons, and first vice-president in the Oneonta Club. Mr. Lewis C. Gurney was born in Laurens, December 5, 1864. He is well advanced in the order of masonry, and is a member of the Oneonta Club.

**J. E. Holdredge**, the merchant tailor who has built up a profitable trade which is now conducted at No. 236 Main street, the Herald Block, began business in 1880, in the McCrum Block, where the Butterfield store is now located. Nine years later he bought the business in his present store, which afforded him more commodious quarters, enabling him to carry a more extensive line of goods, and to cater to the best trade in this section. His custom work is of the very best, and has grown to such proportions as to require the work of from twelve to fourteen hands during the busy season, turning out the finest line of work. Dealing fairly and squarely with all, he has secured the confidence and the patronage of the most desirable class of customers. Mr. Holdredge is a practical cutter and tailor, whose experience dates from 1869, when he first engaged with H. J. Ordway, at Unadilla Forks, as an apprentice. He was born in Burlington, Otsego County, July 6, 1848. He followed the trade he had chosen in the east until 1873, working for James Brand in Utica, and for a time in Morris, this county. For a year and a half he was located in Macomb, Ill., returning east in the fall of 1875, and entering the employ of Smith & Williams, in the old Collins Block, which then stood on a part of the present site of the Central Hotel building. Three years afterwards they went out of business, and he then entered the employ of Cohn, where he remained until the time he started in business for himself. He is well advanced in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the Blue Lodge, the Oneonta Chapter, and the Malta Commandery of Binghamton. He is an active member of the Oneonta Club. In 1889 he married Ella, the daughter of Homer Wallace, of Burlington, Otsego County.



S. G. CAMP'S LIVERY STABLE.





Photo, by Smith.

TOWNSEND BROS.. HARDWARE.

Ford & Rowe, the leading wholesalers and jobbers in flour, feed, seeds and provisions, began business in the Wilber block, Main street, in 1887. This increased until their requirements demanded larger quarters and all of the facilities for handling goods in carload lots. In 1894 they constructed the large store and elevator on Mechanic street. It is a four story and basement structure of brick, with platforms for loading and unloading teams, and with an elevator approached from the rear by a private track switching to and from the D. & H. tracks. The area of each floor is 30 x 100 feet. The facilities are of the best for handling goods in large or small lots. The business of this firm is spread over the counties of Otsego, Delaware, Chenango and Schoharie, and requires the services of two traveling men for taking orders. The firm handles the products of several large western flouring mills, having the exclusive sale of "Pillsbury's Best" and "Columbia," also including the product of several large winter wheat mills. A great deal of its trade is in the shipment of full cars direct from the mills to its customers. The specialty of this house is corn, oats and wheat feed, bran and middlings and all kinds of corn goods, including gluten feeds, hominy meal, cottonseed meal direct from Southern cotton mills. The trade is also very largely in choice grades of family lard, all grades of pork, sugar-cured hams, etc. They are large dealers in cheese, State full cream, and they contract the entire products of large factories.

M. H. Riddell, proprietor of the Oneonta steam laundry, situated on Mechanic street, assumed control last March, and during the short space of time ensuing has built up a large and extended business. This was the first laundry in Oneonta. It was established in 1882 in a building opposite the present site. At that time it was an industry which came oppor-

tunately for a growing town. Being appreciated, it was well patronized. But it remained for the present proprietor to infuse an active, progressive business spirit, and during the last few months, under his well directed efforts, it has grown in importance, and has obtained a well-earned reputation second to no other laundry in this part of the state. During the past year it has been fitted with an entirely new set of modern machinery, such, for instance, as a boiler and engine, hydraulic washer, stationary tubs, centrifugal wringer, steam starcher, pressers and shapers, and all the latest and best improvements. There are ironers for four different styles of work, so that no matter how fine the fabric or how delicate the color, the best results are obtained

in doing up the goods. It is really interesting to observe in this laundry the peculiarly perfect machinery that is used for the best class of work. Some idea of the importance of the business may be obtained from the fact that its present capacity is far in excess of \$150 worth of work per week. By strict attention to business and the most scrupulous regard for the interests of his customers, the proprietor has reached out into a large field of patronage, comprising not only a large village trade, but the very best in the largest towns in this and adjacent counties notably Schoharie, Delaware and Chenango. The laundry is located in a large brick building but a few doors from Broad street, near the centre of the village. The class of work is of the very best, experienced workmen being employed.

Mr. Riddell was born at Elk Creek, Otsego County, September 11, 1867. He was in the employ of Ford & Rowe for a year and a half, coming to Oneonta from Davenport. For four years and four



DR. GEO. F. ENTLER'S RESIDENCE.

H. C. SMITH'S RESIDENCE.



BROWN &amp; WARD'S HARDWARE STORE.

months he was engaged in the laundry business in Sedalia, Mo. He is a type of the hustling young business man, who is doing much towards forwarding the interests of the village.

**Edgar Dunning Van Cleft, M. D.**, elected coroner January 1, 1896, the son of the Rev. Asa Jessup Van Cleft, the distinguished Methodist divine, was born in Wyoming, Pa., December 31, 1869. He was educated at the Cazenovia Seminary and at the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated June 30, 1894. He also had an experience in hospital practice for about a year, and about three years ago located at Oneonta. On his mother's side he is descended from the well-known financier and coal operator, John Wood, of Wilkesbarre, who is probably the largest property owner and banker in that part of the State. Dr. Van Cleft is a member of the Oneonta lodge, F. and A. M., and of the County Medical Society and the Oneonta club.

**Oneonta Typographical Union, No. 135**, chartered November 14, 1894, with the following members:

R. F. Allen, F. A. Bissell, J. D. Van Dycke, C. S. Hitchcock, M. R. Barnes, Wm. J. Mason, A. G. Weed, Wm. H. Howard, C. A. Burnett, R. P. Hill, G. A. Smith, F. M. Baldwin, E. R. Colegrove, A. D. Hitchcock, F. A. Jennings, A. C. Reynolds.

Present Officers: President,—Wm. J. Mason; vice-president, F. A. Jennings; recording secretary, Wm. H. Howard; financial and corresponding secretary, A. G. Weed; treasurer, F. A. Bissell;

Meets second Saturday in each month at Lewis hose parlors.

**Tillinghast & Son** bought the business in music and musical instruments, which had been for years successfully conducted under the name of Shearer, and took possession January 1, 1896. This is a large store located at No. 259 Main street, comprising two large floors for ware and display rooms. Here are shown an unusually large number of musical instruments of all kinds, the stock comprising the best grades and the most popular manufacturers. The display of pianos and organs compares favorably with many well-known music stores that are situated to draw much larger trade. It includes the Stultz & Bauer, which the firm has made a leader in pianos, the Mason & Hamlin, Behr Bros., and the Decker. The organs largely handled by this firm comprise the

M. & H., Farrand & Votey, Wilcox & White, Carpenter and the Needham. The firm deals largely in violins, harps and all kinds of new and improved small instruments. Mr. George S. Tillinghast and his son came from Morrisville, Madison county, where the former was for many years prominent in business and political circles. Three times he was elected county treasurer, which position he resigned, after serving eight years, to come to Oneonta. At 19 years of age he was engaged in the boot and shoe business, and during 20 years in the tanning business; he was also engaged in the brokerage of western loans. He married Attie A. Barrow, of West Eaton, Madison county, December 28, 1859.

**Charles C. Ingalls**, contractor in cutting and supplying stone for all kinds of work, occupies a large yard near the depot, with 400 feet track front, where he has all the facilities for dressing and shipping. He has furnished the stone for many of the largest buildings in this section, including the business blocks on Main street, Oneonta, and the Universalist Church, several buildings in Sidney, the Opera House at Hamilton, the school at Earlville, the Worcester school-house, and the bank at Schenectady, and buildings at Walton and other places; also Mrs. Clark's fine residence at Cooperstown. He controls the large brown-stone quarries at Kortright, Delaware county, also building stone and flag quarries at Oneonta, and a flag quarry near Davenport, Delaware county. He contracts for mason work of all kinds; having done all the corporation work for the past six or seven years. He draws large quantities of lime, sand, blue and brown stone, from Massachusetts, Ohio and Wisconsin. Mr. Ingalls was born in Oneonta April 11, 1866. He began stone cutting at Howe's Cave, Schoharie county, at 14 years of age. Five years later he worked at Gloversville, and two years afterward went to Syracuse. He started in business in Oneonta in 1888. He married Mary Wolford, Howe's Cave, August 21, 1889. He is a member of all the fraternal organizations.



THE CHILD AND THE SLEEPING SACK.  
(See page 63.)





Photo. by Smith. W. L. BROWN'S RESIDENCE.

**Dr. George W. Thomas.** — The oldest practicing dentist in Oneonta to-day is Dr. George W. Thomas, who has recently opened new dental parlors on the second floor of the McCrum block, at No. 192 Main street, over Henry Saunders' book store. Dr. Thomas experience covers a period of twenty-five years, and in the use of local anesthetics he is skilled and reliable. The doctor is widely known through this and adjacent counties. He has practiced in all forms of dentistry in the several towns along the Susquehanna railroad. His present offices are fitted with all modern improvements for repairing and preserving or replacing teeth. His parlors are conveniently located and comfortably arranged. His experience recommends him to the public where he has so long and faithfully practiced.

He was born in Unadilla, July 4, 1850. In 1875 he began the study and practice of dentistry with Lemon Thomas in that town. Four years later he was with Byron Peters, and they pursued the practice quite common then of visiting adjacent towns. For ten years succeeding 1880, he was with Dr. Morgan, and afterwards with Dr. Huntington, in the Yagel block. Dr. Thomas married Fanny Fleming of Sidney Plains, in 1869. His work consists of all branches of his profession, including the most difficult as well as others; his prices are moderate and results are guaranteed.

**C. H. Borst,** the grocer, at No. 246 Main street, has one of the best stores in town, and in a few years has built up a large trade in all branches of the grocery business. He carries a large line of fine imported and fancy groceries. He employs three men and two delivery wagons. He was born in Cooperstown, June 11, 1863, and attended school

at Albany and Cobleskill. He entered the store of his father in the latter place as clerk in 1878, and remained there until 1893, when he came to Oneonta and established the present business. It has proven a successful venture because he deals honorably with all and furnishes only the best goods. In 1888 he married Laura B., the daughter of Martin Schaeffer, of Schoharie. The business is altogether a family trade, which includes the most desirable class of customers. Mr. Borst is a member of the Oneonta club.

**H. P. Tompkins,** a practical jeweler, with more than 16 year's experience, displays as fine a line of goods as any dealer in that branch of trade in this section. His place of business in the Wilber Block is furnished with the best, high-grade productions of popular manufacturers, including plated and solid silver ware, cut glass articles, both useful and ornamental, watches and clocks, decorated china, etc. Mr. Tompkins makes a specialty of optical work. He is a leading optician and is able to fit the eyes, and guarantees, to overcome any defect that it is possible to remedy with the use of glasses. He is also a practical workman in all kinds of engraving on metal. At seventeen years of age he began a course of instruction and practical work under his brother in Hamilton, Madison county, where he was born January 20, 1863. Altogether he devoted eight years in learning the business. He came to Oneonta in January, 1890. He married Genevieve Wilcox, of Hamilton, in 1889. Is a member of the Masonic order.

**A. E. Gardner,** who has handled many valuable horses, last year secured the famous trotter, "Big Ben." This is one of the largest trotting horses in this country. He stands seventeen hands and an inch, weighs 1,300, has a record of '27, and can beat 2:20. He is gentle and kind and makes a fine carriage horse.



Photo. by Smith.

H. B. GILDERSLEEVE'S DRUG STORE.

**Thomas E. Marsh**, corner Main and Chestnut streets, who came here ten years ago and now has one of the leading drug stores in Oneonta, has with his 25 years' experience, and ably assisted by Ralph McCune and Worden Lasher, made it a popular store. The stock is bought with great care and plenty of cash, as a consequence quality and prices are guaranteed.



J. E. HOLDRIDGE.

**Hayes & Bowdish**, a large firm of cigar manufacturers, occupies a spacious building on Chestnut street. This firm consists of James Hayes and C. H. Bowdish, both enterprising and successful business men. Mr. Hayes has personal charge of the manufacturing and Mr. Bowdish the office work and the marketing of the goods. The productions of this firm are very large, it employing two traveling men and finding a steady demand for its goods in four States. Some idea of the extent of their business is shown in the fact that there has been sold eight millions of one brand of cigars, the Rambler, a leading five-cent article. The sale of another leader, "Two Sisters," a ten-cent cigar, is very large. About twice a year they put out entirely new brands. Mr. James Hayes has worked at the business for 20 years. He was born in Norwich, Nov. 19, 1861, and came to Oneonta in 1880. Ten years ago he established the business with a partner, under the firm name of Hayes & Potter, succeeding the latter in 1890. The present firm was organized June 1, 1892. He married Caroline Ciesielski, Feb. 9, 1893. Mr. C. H. Bowdish was born in Charlestown, Montgomery county, May 21, 1864. He came to Oneonta in 1884 and was a bookkeeper and teller in the Wilber bank until he entered the present firm. He married Catherine M. Whyte, Sept. 26, 1884. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and Chapter, and the Commandery of Binghamton.

**Hon. David Wilber** was one of the leading business and public-spirited men of Otsego county. His death, April 1, 1890, was the cause of general public regret. As a business man he achieved remarkable success. After accumulating a fortune he turned his attention to public affairs and felt the deepest interest in the advancement of Oneonta. He gave to the use of the public a pleasant, shady plot of picturesque woodland, in which was placed a small collection of animals; and associated with his son, D. F. Wilber, established a street car line which, in those days, in a town the size of Oneonta, was financially a daring venture. The present Wilber National bank was established and largely built up to its present large and substantial position among financial institutions by him. He started at the bottom of the ladder and achieved remarkable success. The town observed the day of his burial in a manner which attested the affection in which he was generally held. In the early years of his life he was a modest farmer and country banker. In all his business dealings he was the soul of honor. In political matters he served his district earnestly and effectively in four congresses, was delegate of his party to two national conventions, served once as presidential elector, was for some time State railroad commissioner, and was a director of the Albany and Susquehanna railroad, being one of its chief supporters and builders. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Belinda Jones, was born in Connecticut, of a prominent family, her ancestors coming from England.

**Oneonta Council, No. 4, Order of United Friends**, was organized March 17th, 1883. The officers for year 1896 are: Chief councilor, Henry Bull; vice councilor, O. W. Peck; recorder, Wm. White; financier, A. A. Whitcomb; treasurer, E. H. Scramling. It meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, Wilber Block.



Photo. by Smith.

C. H. BORST'S GROCERY.





CHAS. GARDNER. L. L. GARDNER. A. E. CEPERLEY.

Occupying a Prominent Place among the business interests of Oneonta, is that of Ceperley & Gardner's Steam Laundry, known far and near as the leading laundry of this section of central New York. This business was started by two of the present proprietors, A. E. Ceperley and Chas. Gardner, in 1887, in a low wooden building, at the foot of Ford avenue. In 1892 the business, having outgrown its limited quarters, was moved to the new brick block then just erected at 300 Main street. Two floors were occupied, giving several times the space formerly occupied. Additions were made to machinery and fixtures, boiler and engine added, making a complete plant in every respect. In 1894 L. L. Gardner, who was employed as collector and had become familiar with this part of the business, was admitted to partnership, taking the entire supervision of the outside work of the firm, collecting, delivering, etc. Each member of the firm has constantly given his time and attention to the business, and being practical men, and keeping fully abreast of the times, they have succeeded in building up a large and flourishing business. Each year new machinery of the latest improved construction is added, and everything kept in the best possible shape for the turning out of the fine class of laundry work for which they are noted. The firm early commenced doing work for surrounding towns, by establishing agencies for handling the same, and their reputa-

tion has so extended that they now have many flourishing agencies, and even in a number of places where steam laundries are in operation.

A large force of experienced help is employed, and everything is done systematically and in the most careful manner. Thousands of pieces are laundried each week, with rarely the occurrence of a single mistake. Of the individual members of the firm, the senior member, A. E. Ceperley, came to the village in 1885, having previously been engaged in farming and teaching. Was engaged for a short time in the mercantile business, disposing of this, soon thereafter started the present laundry business. Mr. Ceperley has been quite prominently identified with church and kindred organizations, having served several years as Sunday School Superintendent, Church Treasurer and President of the Y. M. C. A. In this line of work he has also been President of County and Town Sunday School Associations. Is a member of the Oneonta Club, Improved Order of Red Men, and other social organizations. During the past season Mr. Ceperley has erected for himself a fine residence at 63 Maple street, a cut of which is shown on another page.

Charles Gardner came to Oneonta from Gilbertsville in 1885, engaging at once in the only steam laundry in town at that time, that he might thoroughly acquaint himself with the business before embarking in it for himself. Staying for more than a year, and until he had mastered the details of the business, he resigned his position, and soon with Mr. Ceperley started their present business. Mr. Gardner built for himself a commodious residence at Gardner Place, where he still resides. He is a member of the Masonic Order and the Oneonta Club.

The junior member of the firm, L. L. Gardner, when a boy resided in Gilbertsville. His first work being in the mercantile line, which was followed for three years, and until he accepted a position in the Wilber National Bank, and removed to Oneonta. After three years' service in the bank he resigned his position to enter the laundry business in which he has gained the reputation of being a hustler. He is a member of the D. F. Wilber Hook & Ladder Co., Masonic Order and Oneonta Club.



Photo. by Smith.

CEPERLEY & GARDNERS' LAUNDRY.



I. S. DAULEY. C. S. WRIGHT.

**The Oneonta Young Men's Christian Association** was organized in 1877, and the following gentlemen have served in the capacity as presidents and general secretaries since that date:

**Presidents**—O. C. Pratt, four years; A. C. Holley, five years; S. C. Niles, two years; N. H. Briggs, elected three terms and served one year each term; W. H. Bush, one year; A. H. Brownell, one year; A. E. Ceperley, two years; Albert Morris, one year.

**General Secretaries**—M. H. C. Grant, one year; H. L. Bundy, one year; Theo. F. Judd, two years; W. H. Bush, three years; C. C. Swift, six years; Dana Conkling, two years; A. E. Merritt, four years.

To any thoughtful person it is not necessary to mention facts or figures to show the importance of the Young Men's Christian Association in Oneonta; its influence demonstrates its value. We wish to call the reader's attention to a few of the most important features of the work in Oneonta during the past four years. The following statistics will partially show what has been done, also some of the many ways wherein the association is helping young men.

For want of records we can only produce statistics showing some of the results since the close of the year 1892, and during this period of time the approximated attendance at the room has been 89,730; situations secured for 32, and otherwise assisted 519 young men, besides 536 visits to the sick and injured; 115 men's Gospel meetings held, with a total attendance of 15,192; number of members secured, 693.

The annual expense of the association for 1895 was \$21,136.51. This amount is raised largely through subscriptions; the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's annual appropriation of \$600, besides coal for fuel amounting to about \$175. The remainder is secured by local subscriptions and membership dues.

**The Oneonta Union Agricultural Association** is an incorporated organization for the purpose to give the people of Central New York an annual exhibition, in which there shall be that honest and healthful

rivalry that promotes agriculture and other occupations. This society has become famed for the first-class manner in which it conducts the annual fairs, and is now regarded as among those which are the most largely attended. The view we give on another page is from a photograph taken on a day when 20,000 people were present. Its success is primarily due to the public spirit and broad-gauged ideas shown in its conduct. It is fair, however, to say—and we do so at the suggestion of some of its leading officers—that the lion's share of credit is due to Senator Walter Brown, who has been untiring and persevering in promoting its welfare. The society owns twenty acres of valuable ground in one of the best building locations in Oneonta, and the property would to-day net the association a handsome revenue if sold. The grounds are naturally amphitheatrical in topography. The stock of the association is high. R. M. Rose is the only life member. The officers: President, W. L. Brown; secretary, S. L. Huntington; treasurer, Henry M. Bard; executive committee: W. L. Brown, George I. Wilber and D. F. Wilber; directors: D. F. Wilber, A. C. Moody, G. I. Wilber, M. N. Rowe, A. C. Lewis, E. R. Ford; general superintendent, Major C. P. Root; superintendent ladies' department, Mrs. F. C. Edwards.

**P. R. Young**, the artist, has achieved the reputation in the Susquehanna valley for turning out high grade photographic productions. He has made photography a study for many years, having worked with marked success in many places in Pennsylvania and this State. In recent years he has taught and drilled men who have proven that in his gallery they laid the foundation for their own success in after life. He is a native of Schoharie county. Sixteen years ago he located in Oneonta, where he has acquired the patronage of the leading and best known families. He has branch galleries in Worcester, Schenectady and Sidney, N. Y., where he does a considerable business. Probably he is the oldest established photographer in the eastern part of the State. Most of the portrait work of the Normal school comes from his gallery. Fifteen successive first premiums have been awarded him at the Central New York fair. He is a genial, public-spirited man, personally interested in the social and best interests of the town. His work for *The Souvenir* has been a great help in making it an artistic up-to-date publication, representing, as it does, many of the best known citizens whose portraits we have the pleasure of producing.



DAULEY &amp; WRIGHT'S MARBLE WORKS.



A. E. Merritt, the present secretary, was born in Auburn, Wis., February 8, 1863. His father was a Wisconsin volunteer soldier of the late war, dying after about six months' service. His mother died February 18, 1881. Some time after her death he went to Niagara Falls to learn the trade of carriage painting, and while there was persuaded to visit the Young Men's Christian Association rooms for the first time, and through the friendly courtesies shown him, he gave his heart to Christ. He was sent to East Buffalo as assistant secretary of the railroad department connected with the New York Central and West Shore Railroad's and Wagner Palace Car Company's works. He came to Oneonta, Sept. 1, 1892, and took charge of the Y. M. C. A. There was \$460 indebtedness, with a membership of only 138. Of these, 28 were railroad

brick church was built in the year 1890. Its present membership is 538. Sunday school has enrolled 475. The pews are free; expenses raised by weekly offerings. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Free Baptist church was founded in July, 1887, by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Wilson, and is the oldest society of that name in Oneonta. There were eight charter members. The membership now numbers 125. The first money raised for erecting the present church edifice was the work of the Endeavor Society. On several occasions in the pastor's absence the society has conducted the usual church services, and in many ways it has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to the church. The music is a pleasant feature of the Sunday evening meetings, having an orchestra of stringed instruments, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. O. A. Miller. The present officers are: President, Miss Belle Wilson;



Flashlight Photos, by Smith.

DAULEY &amp; WRIGHT'S SALESROOMS AND WORKSHOPS.

men, and 110 local; and in less than five months from the time he entered the work here, sufficient amount of finance was raised to pay all indebtedness and to guarantee the support of the work for the coming year.

As a result of four years' work, the present records show a membership of 155 railroad men, and 158 local; practically out of debt, with bright prospects of a new building in the near future; a woman's auxiliary of 65 members.

The Free Baptist Church was organized by Rev. O. T. Moulton in the year 1856. The charter members were sixteen in number, of which three are living, namely, F. Bornt, Mrs. F. Bornt, R. E. Marvin. In the year 1858 the first church building was erected. Since its organization it has had nine pastors. The present pastor, Rev. A. E. Wilson, entered upon his duties April 1st, 1887. A beautiful

vice-president, Fred. B. Graham; secretary, Mrs. Cora Bishop; treasurer, Miss Helen Congdon; corresponding secretary, Miss Pearl Howe. There is also a junior society of seventy-five members connected with the church.

Charles S. Pendleton was born in the town of Oxford, N. Y., April 25, 1863. When quite young he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Pendleton, to Norwich, N. Y. He graduated from the Norwich High School in 1882; from Bates College, Lewiston, Me., in 1887, and from the Hamilton Theological Seminary, Hamilton, N. Y., in 1890. He held a successful pastorate of seven years in connection with the Free Baptist church in Columbia, N. Y., where the membership was more than doubled. In November, 1896, he accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of the Free Baptist church in Oneonta, N. Y.



Photo by Smith.

TILLINGHAST &amp; SON, MUSIC STORE.

The Howes Cave Lime and Cement Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1867 by Hon. John Westover, of Richmondville; Jared Goodyear, of Colliers; E. R. Ford and Harvey Baker, of Oneonta, as charter members and owners. Eli Rose, of Maryland, N. Y., entered their employ in the fall of the same year, and in 1868 became an interested owner by purchasing an interest in the company and has continued with them to the present time.

The business objects of the company were the quarrying of lime stone for building purposes, making quick or common lime, hydraulic cement and gypsum or land plaster. Nature had been liberal in depositing material for those articles in bountiful supply, but the approaches and surroundings of the premises taken up for the purpose, amounting to some seventy acres or more, were rude and rugged in the extreme.

The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad (now part of the D. & H. C. Co. system), was then in operation through the company's lands, and blasting often hurled large rocks on to the tracks, so close was the ledge to them. Nothing in the shape of an improvement amounting to a nail or a shingle was to be found on the plat, so that the houses, barns, shops, kilns, mills, derricks, engines, and countless other things requisite for executing the business in view had to be provided, involving a great amount of labor and large expense. The limestone ledge has a front face along the railroad of over one hundred rods in length, with side track about one-half its distance, and might easily be extended the whole length if found desirable. The first series or ledge in sight from the railway cars is the dark blue limestone 44 feet thick, made of courses of varying thickness, from one inch to two or three feet, but stone comparatively thin and light predominate. Next above

the blue limestone, and hardly visible from the cars, may be found the gray lime in large, massive blocks, capable of yielding stone of most excellent quality and soundness, and of any size within the limits of possibility to handle or transport, making them eminently suitable for piers, abutments, canal locks, retaining walls and all kinds of first-class masonry, either light or heavy and massive. This series of rock where now being worked presents an imposing front thirty feet thick and will gradually thicken as worked back further from the front.

The lime burned here is very strong, adhesive and of great durability. As a sample, reference is made to the stone fort at Schoharie Court House, four miles from Howes Cave, built more than one hundred years ago from native

material, showing no imperfections of stone or mortar.

Howes Cave cement has become a standard article on the market, and during the past twenty years has gone into some of the best and most expensive structures of this and other States with great satisfaction, under the direction of the best engineering talent and skill. We mention a few: New Capitol, Albany; Holland House, New York city; Scranton steel works; Troy steel and iron works; Fair Haven (Vt.) reservoir, and many others.

In 1870 Eli Rose was appointed secretary and treasurer and general superintendent, and has continued in that capacity up to the present time, and thus the details of construction and improvement, as well as manufacture and sale of products, have necessarily passed under his supervision, so that after nearly thirty years' of experience and continu-



Photo. by Smith.

A. H. TIPPLE'S RACQUET STORE.



ous practice he is finely equipped to carry forward the enterprise. From the above brief description of the history and present condition of the Howes Cave Lime and Cement Co.'s plant and its productions it will readily be seen to be in the interest of intending buyers of building stone, cut or uncut, lime or cement, to communicate with their treasurer, Eli Rose, Howes Cave, N. Y.



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

George E. Moore, the druggist, occupies one of the finest stores in town. It is an imposing, four-story building, 22½ x 80 feet, centrally located, and since Mr. Moore started in business in Oneonta, 1884, has been a popular place, the focus of a considerable trade. In connection with the drug business, Mr. Moore carries a large line of artists' materials. He was born in Arena, Delaware county, June 1, 1857. After a three years' course in the New York College of Pharmacy, he was graduated with honors. As will be seen by the engraving on another page, the interior of the store is spacious, and finely fitted up.

C. H. McGonegal, the proprietor of the Central Hotel, which is probably the largest house on the line of the road, has been in the business for twenty years and is very widely known, his house being a favorite headquarters for the traveling public. When he took possession of the hotel, about seven years ago, it was not a largely patronized place. The many traveling men who came to Oneonta soon learned that under the new management they would be well

taken care of and would be made to feel at home. His personality infused a new life in every department and the result is that this house has a very large patronage and is recognized as among the first-class hotels in the State. Mr. McGonegal was born in Geneva, N. Y., in 1849. He is ably assisted by his wife who maintains personal supervision over the care of the rooms and the culinary department.

Louis W. Ferenbaugh was born on August 24th, 1868, at Corning, Steuben county, N. Y. His education was secured in the union schools at Painted Post and Havana (now Montour Falls), and at the academy in Watkins, N. Y. His journalistic life commenced in 1881, when he became Havana correspondent of the Elmira Daily Gazette. In the spring of 1883 his parents moved to Watkins, and shortly after he became county correspondent of the Elmira Gazette. In 1887 he took charge of the local work on the Watkins Herald, which was then published by S. H. Ferenbaugh (his father). A few years thereafter he took charge of the editorial department of that paper as well, and continued in that position until February of the present year, with the exception of the months of May and June, 1891, when he acted as city editor of the Corning Evening Chronicle, as a matter of accommodation for Ed. Mott, the well known "Old Settler" of the New York Sun, who was a personal friend, and desired him to assist in the establishing of that paper. In 1888 he became the representative of the Associated Press for that district, and during these years did considerable special work for the Elmira Sunday Telegram, Rochester Morning Herald, Elmira Evening Star and other papers. In the latter part of June last he succeeded Henry G. Bishop as editor and publisher of the Otsego Democrat and Oneonta Press, and has made that paper a sterling Democratic organ, as well as a progressive local newspaper. S. H. Ferenbaugh is associated with him in the management of the paper. In 1889 he became a member of the New York State Editorial Association, and was one of the first members of the New York State Democratic Editorial Association, and still retains both memberships. He is now the local representative of the Associated Press. Mr. Ferenbaugh is a member of Canadesaga Lodge, No. 196, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Watkins, N. Y.; a charter member of Watkins Tent, No. 166, Knights of the Maccabees, and a past district deputy great commander of that order. He served nearly eight years as an active member of Norman Steamer and Hose Company, No. 1, of Watkins, N. Y., being three years secretary and treasurer and two years president, and is now an honorary member of that company.



L. C. GURNEY'S Res.

E. GURNEY'S Res.



Photo. by Smith.

H. A. FISHER'S MUSIC STORE.

The Veteran Firemen's Association was organized October 3rd, 1890. W. H. Wilson was chairman and M. J. Miller, secretary of their first meeting. The organization is independent of the fire department, and is composed of old firemen who have served five years in any regular fire company and been honorably discharged. Its objects are fraternal and beneficiary, and several of its members have served their time in New York city, Albany, Troy, and other large cities of the State. The uniform is blue cap, red shirt, and dark pants, with black belt. In 1892 the veterans purchased of the village of Laurens an old fire engine, which is believed to be one of the oldest in the State, and can be traced back nearly eighty years, but its origin is unknown. This has been placed in complete repair, newly painted, and is highly prized by the association.



STEVENS &amp; HILLS, HARDWARE.

The Oneonta Club, the leading social organization, comprises a limited membership of men, principally those engaged in a business or profession in the town, either as proprietors or clerks. This club is strictly conservative, permitting no card or other games for stakes, or betting of any description in the club house. The first quarters provided were those which were vacated at the close of this year for the new home recently constructed at Dietz and Reynolds streets. Few club buildings are more attractive or larger, and none are more tastefully and prettily furnished throughout. It is a large house, as will be seen by reference to the view made expressly for this SOUVENIR by P. R. Young, and printed on another page. Broad, neatly graded grounds, framed with majestic trees, surround the building, and the approach from either street presents to the eye a majestic structure. The rooms

are broad and high, and there is nothing cramped in appearance. One main point in view in the construction of the building was to provide for the accommodation of many guests on such



DOYLE &amp; SMITH'S BLOCK.

occasion as it may be desired to give a social function. The ladies have not been forgotten in the provisions, as very attractive and convenient retiring rooms are set apart for them. Another feature is the broad portico which extends across the sides of the house overlooking the two streets. The measurements overall are 42 x 90 feet ;





ALBERT MORRIS, RESIDENCE.

two floors and a basement. The first floor comprises a vestibule, 9 x 9; reception hall, 25 x 33; reading room, 16 x 33; billiard room, 38 x 42 and coat room. The second floor has a hall 9 x 42; Board of Governors' room, 16 x 24; two card rooms, one 16 x 24; and the other 16 x 18; assembly room, 28 x 42, and ladies' toilet. In the basement are the members' toilet, the furnace and the janitor's quarters. The interior is finished in natural oak. The officers 1896: President, Albert Morris; 1st vice-president, E. J. Gurney; 2d vice-president, C. E. Northrup; secretary and treasurer, N. H. Emmons.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' regular meeting the first Wednesday of the month, 8 p. m.—W. E. Ford, Chairman; C. F. Shelland, A. Morris, E. R. Ford, E. J. Gurney, Geo. E. Northrup, Charles Smith, C. H. Borst, C. W. Fairchild, N. H. Emmons, secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES: Finance—Charles Smith, E. R. Ford, C. F. Shelland, Publications—C. F. Shelland, E. J. Gurney, G. W. Fairchild. Furniture and Supplies—E. R. Ford, G. E. Northrup, W. E. Ford, Insurance—C. H. Borst, Charles Smith, G. W. Fairchild. Entertainment—A. Morris, C. H. Borst, C. F. Shelland. Games and Tournaments—G. E. Northrup, Charles Smith, C. H. Borst. Janitor, Lights and Fuel—E. J. Gurney, A. Morris, W. E. Ford.

Benjamin A. Church, M. D., was born in Coventry, Chenango county, Sept. 11, 1855. He attended school at Sherburne until 18 years of age, when he occupied two years in teaching school. In the mean-time he studied medicine with Drs. E. S. and H. C. Lyman at Sherburne. In June, 1875, he went before the censors of the Chenango County Medical Society and passed a preliminary examination. Attending the University of the City of New York for three years, he was graduated in February, 1878, and was one of

WM. MORRIS, RESIDENCE.

and observation afforded by Dr. Mittendorf and his extensive private practice, but of the benefit of a



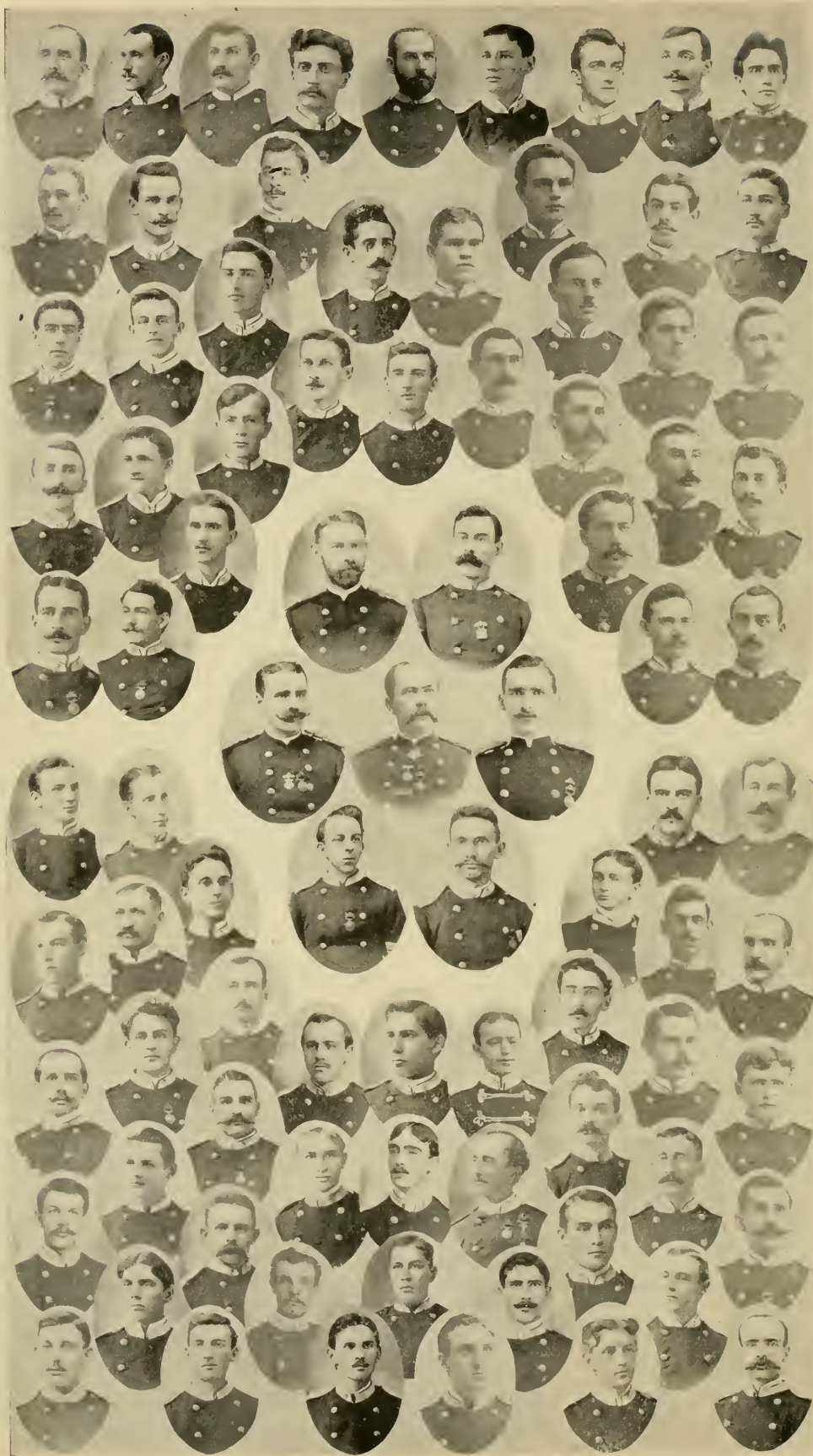
MRS. L. G. RICHMOND.

the nine of a class of 165 who received honorable mention. The doctor began practice at once in Columbus, Chenango county, where he remained five years. In April, 1883, he removed to Oneonta, where he has since enjoyed a large practice. After a practice of about ten years, in course of which he had given much time and attention to the study and treatment of diseases of the eye and ear, nose and throat, he decided to suspend practice and more thoroughly and fully qualify and equip himself in those special branches of his profession, and in the fall of 1884 entered the office of W. H. Mittendorf, of New York city, a noted specialist, in the capacity of student and assistant, availing himself of not only the superior advantages for instruction

and observation afforded by Dr. Mittendorf and his extensive private practice, but of the benefit of a more diversified experience derived from a daily practice in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, one of the largest clinical institutions of its kind in the world. In 1888 he returned to Oneonta, where he has since, in connection with general practice, continued to successfully treat the various affections of eye, ear, nose and throat, and perform the more delicate and difficult operations requiring a specialist. He was married to Mary E. Burton, of Oneonta, Dec. 26, 1883. She died in November, 1886. The doctor married Minnie Gertrude Mallory, of Wells Bridge, Oct. 26, 1887. He is a member of the Chenango County Medical Society, ex-president of the Otsego County Medical Society, and a fellow of the State Medical Association.



MRS. SCOTT'S GREENHOUSE.



THE THIRD SEPARATE COMPANY—Captain WALTER SCOTT, Commander.





M. L. KEYES, Res.

T. E. MARSH, Res.

W. H. JOHNSON, Res.  
JUDGE NELSON, Res.

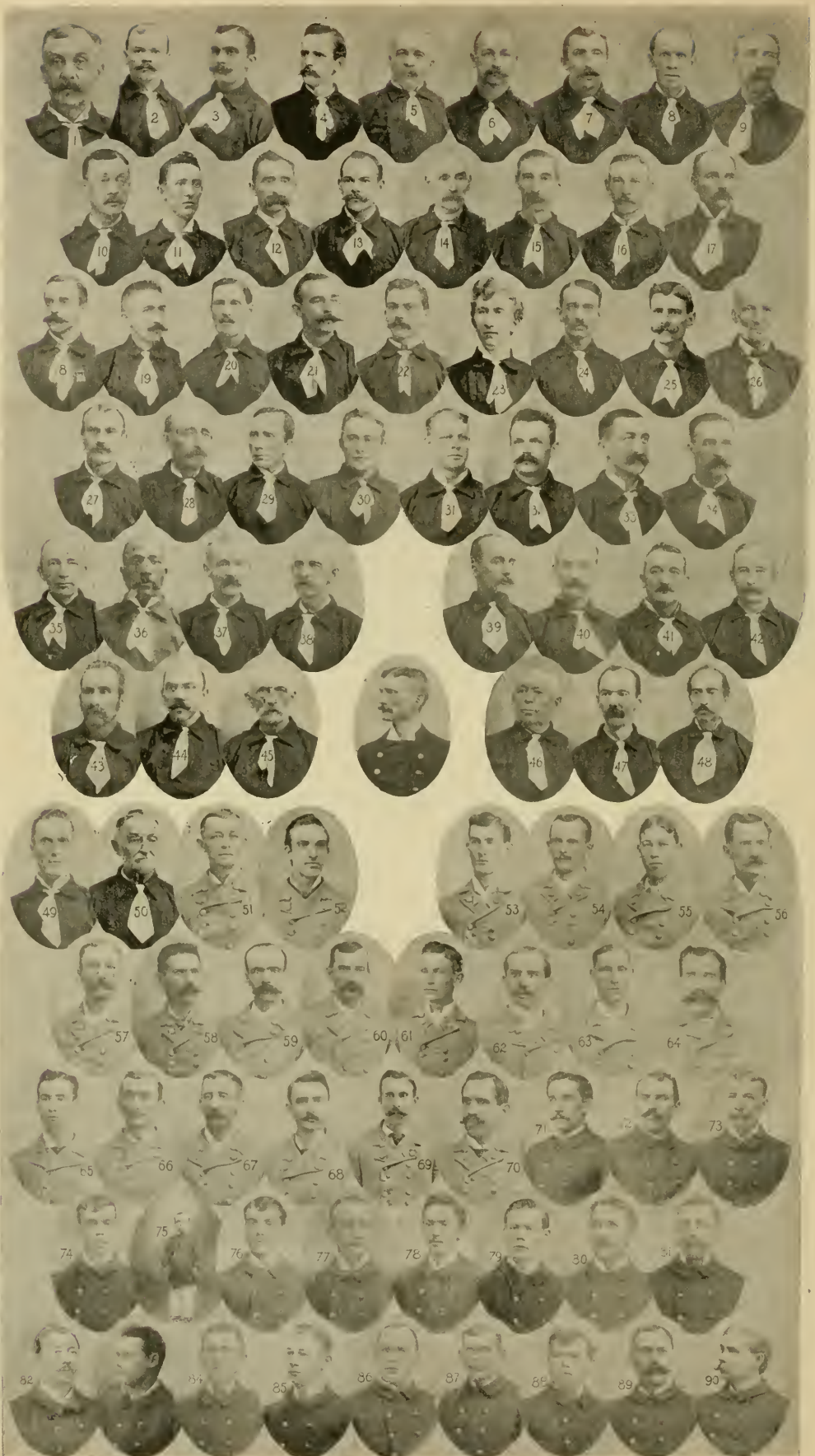
**William H. Johnson**, a distinguished lawyer, whose residence is in Oneonta, where he is also a member of the law firm of Johnson & Huntington, was appointed as one of the Statutory Revision Commissioners by Governor Morton in the winter of 1895. His associates are C. Z. Lincoln, of Cattaraugus county, and A. Judd Northrup, of Syracuse. The duty of the commission is to prepare and report to the legislature bills for the consolidation and revision of the general statutes of this state; also on request of either house of the Legislature, or of any committee, member, or officer thereof, to draft or revise bills, to render opinions as to the constitutionality, consistency or other legal effect of proposed legislation, and report by bill such measures as they deem expedient. Pursuant to chapter 1096 of the laws of 1895, a commission was appointed to revise the Code and Mr. Johnson is a member of that commission. In these appointments the ability and learning of Mr. Johnson as a lawyer was recognized in a fitting manner. Indeed, his prominence in the profession is largely due to the fact that his practice is extensive and has given him an eminent reputation. It is generally conceded that in cases of contested litigation his experience has been more extensive than that of any other lawyer of his age in the 6th judicial district. His early life was begun under difficulties and with restricted advantages, but, with an unconquerable devotion to his chosen profession and indomitable perseverance in accomplishing all that he undertakes, Mr. Johnson has succeeded in accomplishing results which fully entitle him to the distinction of a self-made man. He was born in the town of Colchester, Delaware county, August 20, 1839. His father was of Irish descent and his mother descended from the Puritans. Until nineteen years of age his opportunities were restricted to farm life and district school

learning, during which time he attended a select school at Napanoch three months. He then began the study of law, and in 1858 entered the office of his uncle, Barna R. Johnson, at Downsville. He was admitted to practice in the State courts at Binghamton, in November, 1861. On August 20, 1875, he was admitted to practice in the United States circuit courts, and on March 31, 1892, to the United States Supreme Court. The cases and points he has argued during the past twenty-five years, constituting material for at least twenty-five good sized volumes, afford the most satisfactory and conclusive evidence of industry and ability. For twelve years he practiced law in Andes, Delaware county, then locating at Delhi, the county seat, where he continued for the next 15 years. In the fall of 1888 he opened a branch office at Oneonta, and, at the expiration of a year finding that the growing business in the new field demanded his entire time, he removed to that place. Since his appointment in the Statutory Commission

much of his time is required in Albany, and the practice of the firm is consequently considerably expanded. Mr. Johnson is a Republican in politics, a member of the State Bar association, and belongs to the Masonic lodge at Delhi. He is also a member of the First Presbyterian church and takes a deep interest in its welfare and prosperity. He was married at Downsville, June 23, 1862, to Mary Frances Tiffany. They now have one son, John G., who is a lawyer and a resident of Oneonta.



W. H. JOHNSON.



THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—Group 1. (Key on page 81.) Chief Engineer—JAMES O'BRIEN.



**Richmond and Millard**, proprietors of the Windsor Hotel, have demonstrated that they are prime landlords and know how to conduct a first-class house. The Windsor is a modern hotel in every respect. Throughout the interior the finish is bright and handsome, and the furnishings in all parts of the house are comparatively new. All that insures comfort and good living is provided. Those who have partaken of its hospitality will confirm the statement that there is not a hotel in the interior of the State more complete in appointments, more home-like, or provided with a better table. The service is all that could be desired, competent help being employed. It is the only house on the Susquehanna road, between Albany and Binghamton, provided with an elevator. Leonard P. Richmond

agreeable he makes everybody around him the same. He was born in Gilbertsville, Otsego county, July 21, 1841, and was brought up in hotel surroundings, his father being engaged in that business for years. He is a veteran of the late war, having enlisted in the First Ohio Light Artillery on April 19, 1861, and serving almost continuously in the principal western campaigns until June 15, 1865, at which time he received his discharge. He served under Grant, Buell, Thomas and Sherman. On March 19, 1866, he married Miss Gardner. In 1876 he was employed in the Central, Oneonta, by A. C. Lewis, and for five years he was at the Ballard, Cooperstown, with Sidney Ballard.

**Hamilton F. Van Woert** is recognized as a foremost artist in photographic work, and many of the



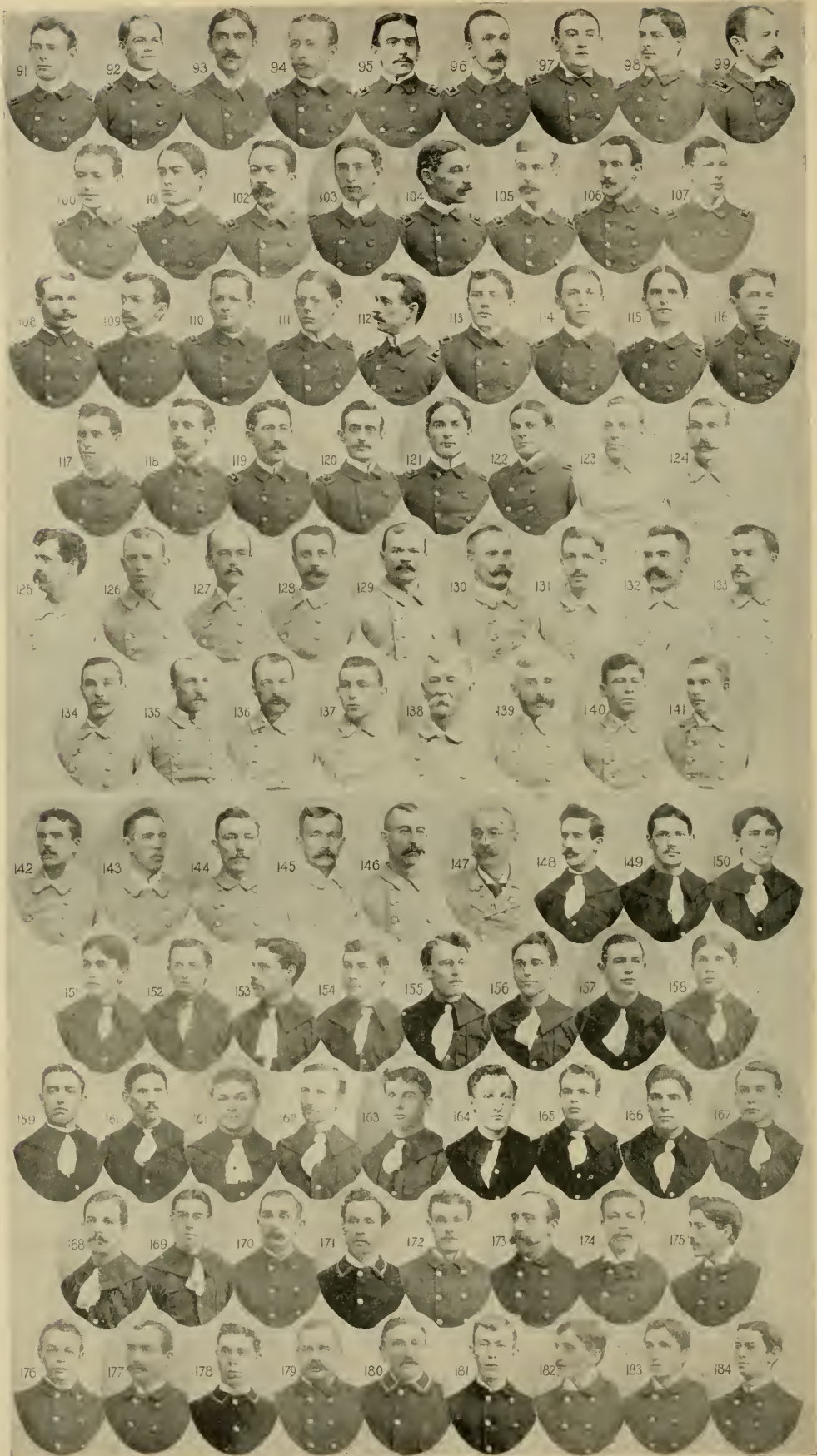
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M. GURNEY & SONS' DRY GOODS STORE.

and John R. Millard, the proprietors, have been in the hotel business for years, are widely known and are popular with the traveling public. Mr. Richmond in 1863 purchased the Laurens House, where he was located for 30 years, at the same time conducting a stage line between Cooperstown and Oneonta via Hartwick and Laurens. He was at the Central in Oneonta a short time and left there when the present firm took the Windsor, which was on March 26, 1894. He was born in Conesville, Schoharie county, August 30, 1834. On April 19, 1894, he married the widow of Sidney Ballard who was a well known hotel man.

John R. Millard has been in the hotel business nearly all of his life. Always good natured and

finest productions in that line come from his gallery, in the Ford & Ford block, No. 143 Main street. This was completed expressly for his purpose, and there is no better arranged gallery, or none more prettily furnished outside of the larger towns. The arrangement as to light, conceded to be the most important part of the construction of a photograph gallery, was devised especially under his direction. Mr. Van Woert was born in Oneonta, April 5, 1857. In 1880 he began the practical part of the business under Young of Oneonta, and five and a half years later opened a gallery of his own in the Merenus block, where he contended with many disadvantages. He moved into his present quarters April 1st, 1896.



THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—Group 2. (Key on page 82.)



## KEY TO THE FIREMEN'S PORTRAITS.

## The Veterans. (See page 78.)

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 L. A. Groat, <i>foreman</i> | 26 John P. Primmer, |
| 2 F. Fairchild,               | 27 J. Elliott,      |
| 3 A. Weed,                    | 28 W. S. McLean,    |
| 4 Geo. Smith,                 | 29 Samuel Coon,     |
| 5 Peter Weidman,              | 30 F. Houghtaling,  |
| 6 F. Griffin,                 | 31 M. J. Maler,     |
| 7 J. Boughton,                | 32 B. Platt,        |
| 8 Thomas Doyle,               | 33 D. Brewster,     |
| 9 John Fletcher,              | 34 B. Van Ostrand,  |
| 10 John Johnson,              | 35 A. Schafer,      |
| 11 Arthur Pryun,              | 36 John Smith,      |
| 12 Jay White,                 | 37 H. R. Gaylord,   |
| 13 M. E. Gile,                | 38 J. Felford,      |
| 14 W. D. Maunson,             | 39 Chas. Halcomb,   |
| 15 Jerome Wells,              | 40 Chas. Burnside,  |
| 16 Geo. Boud,                 | 41 Wm. Bronk,       |
| 17 Wm. Sloat,                 | 42 L. B. Lennon,    |
| 18 Arthur Stevens,            | 43 H. E. Conant,    |
| 19 J. A. Sperbeck,            | 44 A. R. Smith,     |
| 20 E. E. Miles,               | 45 H. L. Jordan,    |
| 21 Thos. Glenn,               | 46 James Roberts,   |
| 22 Geo. Riley,                | 47 Jacob Mayer,     |
| 23 Emory House,               | 48 B. A. Church,    |
| 24 J. D. Van Dyke,            | 49 James Smith,     |
| 25 Wm. McMiun,                | 50 George Reynolds. |

## The Steamer Co.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 51 Wm. Spofford, <i>engineer</i> . | 61 M. Hickey,     |
| 52 Wm. Whitmore,                   | 62 L. D. Burdick, |
| 53 Wm. Hickey,                     | 63 H. G. Hughes,  |
| 54 S. J. Preston,                  | 64 M. A. Garlick, |
| 55 B. Parish,                      | 65 Ira Reynolds,  |



A. E. GARDNER'S WELL KNOWN TROTTER "BIG BEN."

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 56 Geo. Hutchinson, | 66 C. E. Gifford, |
| 57 G. Murphy,       | 67 Harry Adams,   |
| 58 J. C. Warner,    | 68 D. E. Hubbard, |
| 59 E. F. Mcfaury,   | 69 J. E. Hayes,   |
| 60 Harry Driggs,    | 70 E. Colegrove.  |

## Levis Hose Co.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 71 C. W. McGurk, <i>foreman</i> . | 81 Frank Hayes,      |
| 72 G. W. Eggleston,               | 82 D. Thurston,      |
| 73 C. A. Card,                    | 83 Wm. Van Deusen,   |
| 74 Charles S. Higgins,            | 84 P. McHugh,        |
| 75 Teddy Mooney, Mascot.          | 85 B. W. Voorhees,   |
| 76 John O'Brien,                  | 86 J. Slaterry,      |
| 77 J. Palmer,                     | 87 Geo. Smith,       |
| 78 A. W. Schultze,                | 88 Chauncey Herrick, |
| 79 Wm. Higgins,                   | 89 C. J. Flanagan,   |
| 80 David Donovan,                 | 90 M. Dempsey,       |

The Oneonta Supply Company began business in their big store in the Packer Block, Main and River streets, June 11th, 1896. The opening was one that will long be remembered by their many patrons. To each of two hundred lady callers on that day, they gave a sack of choice flour. The proprietors are Whitcomb & Hecox. The supplies which they furnish comprise all lines of groceries, grain, feed, hay, straw and wood. Their store is without doubt the largest in the county, the business being con-

ducted on modern lines. Their trade in flour alone is equal to that in the aggregate of several smaller stores, one very popular brand being made by the patent roller process from No. 1 hard winter wheat, exclusively for the firm and bearing its own name. Frederick W. Whitcomb started in business with I. L. Pryun in October 1894, at that time dealing only in hay and wood. In December, 1895, Mr. Pryun retired and Mr. Whitcomb continued alone until May 20th, 1896, in the meantime adding groceries to his former business when Mr. Hecox took a half interest and became an active partner. Upon entering the new store, a more complete line of stock was added; a stock which is to-day second to none. Mr. Whitcomb was born in New Haven, Conn. June 14th, 1858. At thirteen years of age he found employment in this village with W. A. E. Tompkins, hatter and men's furnishings. He was employed in the Herald office for eight years and afterwards conducted a bakery and confectionery business. He was a partner with C. W. Peck in printing and stationery for three years; afterwards with Morehouse & Munson. He was a collector for the Star the first two years it was published and subsequently employed by Conant, afterwards with F. L. Dibble. He married Nellie E. Dodge of Jersey City, N. J., March 21, 1883. He is a member of the Knights of

Pythias and was for nine years a member of the Hook and Ladder Company. Danford L. Hecox was born in Milford June 23d, 1846. At the age of seventeen he became a resident of Edmeston living there for five years and learning the trade of carpenter and joiner, after which he moved to Cooperstown, being engaged there a portion of the time in the contracting business, and in 1879 came to Oneonta where he has resided ever since. He was employed by the D. & H. C. Co. for three years and then entered the contracting business in which he was engaged for a number of years, building in the meantime several fine residences. He is the owner of considerable residential property in Oneonta, notably two rows of desirable dwellings on lower Main street.

Mr. Hecox is a public-spirited man and has been very active in local affairs, having been elected as Village Treasurer in 1890, serving in 1891 as Commissioner of Streets. He has been a director and appraiser of the Building & Loan association ever since it was started and has been first vice-president for the last four years. He is a member of all branches of the Odd Fellows having served in all offices in the local lodge. He is also an exempt fireman of both Cooperstown and Oneonta Departments. He married Mary Jane Dennison of Coopers-town, November 3d, 1870.

## KEY TO THE FIREMEN'S PORTRAITS.

D. F. Wilber Hook &amp; Ladder Co. (See page 80.)

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 91 N. H. Emmons, <i>foreman</i> , | 107 M. Frisbee,        |
| 92 A. Hecox,                      | 108 M. Dean,           |
| 93 Wm. Champlain,                 | 109 G. E. Chamberlain, |
| 94 James Miles,                   | 110 E. E. Scatchard,   |
| 95 Bert Marshal,                  | 111 L. C. Frisbee,     |
| 96 Fred Larrabee,                 | 112 L. Gardner,        |
| 97 Arthur Coon,                   | 113 John Hine,         |
| 98 Gus Demar,                     | 114 R. Westcott,       |
| 99 Geo. Holdredge,                | 115 Harry Loveland,    |
| 100 R. D. Tallmadge,              | 116 Geo. Norton,       |
| 101 B. H. Gildersleeve,           | 117 Barton Elliot,     |
| 102 Clarence Sewall,              | 118 G. A. Burkhardt,   |
| 103 Fred Van Wie,                 | 119 E. D. Townsend,    |

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| 152 W. W. Dominick, |
| 133 Irvin Tyler,    |
| 154 J. W. Park,     |
| 135 A. Hamilton,    |
| 156 Reid Pierce,    |
| 157 Fred Mason,     |
| 158 C. Sinarbeaux,  |

## Mechanics' Hose Co.

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|-----------------------|
| 170 Wm. Williams,     |
| 171 W. S. Poord,      |
| 172 J. A. Warner,     |
| 173 Thomas Thornburn, |
| 174 Joseph Gwynn,     |
| 175 Howard Jayne,     |
| 176 Daniel Babcock,   |
| 177 Harry Coleman,    |

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| 163 G. B. Springer,   |
| 164 Roscoe Briggs,    |
| 165 Thos. Smith,      |
| 166 C. F. Pettengill, |
| 167 L. D. Holmes,     |
| 168 O. C. Babbitt,    |
| 169 Frank Edwards,    |

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| 178 J. R. Garling, |
| 179 G. Tansett,    |
| 180 W. Thornburn,  |
| 181 Chas. Eveland, |
| 182 Jacob Walter,  |
| 183 James Perry,   |
| 184 Cowell Smith,  |



THE WINDSOR.

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|-------------------|
| 104 O. M. Edgar,  |
| 105 Spencer Rowe, |
| 106 E. C. Slade,  |

George I. Wilber Hose Co.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 123 Wm. Leventhal, <i>foreman</i> , | 136 J. J. Mulkins, |
| 124 I. D. Butts,                    | 137 John Lind,     |
| 125 J. Foley,                       | 138 Lester Morse,  |
| 126 James Kerwin,                   | 139 John Dewar,    |
| 127 H. Whitney,                     | 140 W. Richmond,   |
| 128 Frank Wright,                   | 141 E. B. Smith,   |
| 129 F. Fairchilds,                  | 142 Paul Link,     |
| 130 E. F. Smith,                    | 143 R. Adams,      |
| 131 F. Bedford,                     | 144 E. Marsh,      |
| 132 A. L. Joslyn,                   | 145 L. W. Murphy,  |
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**The Journeyman Barbers' International Union.**—No. 168 of Oneonta, N. Y., was fully organized on June 22d, 1894, the officers elected on June 26th, 1894: president, C. C. Wallace; vice-president, F. E. Bedford; financial secretary, E. O. Suits; corresponding and recording secretary, E. J. Phelps; treasurer, I. E. Lamb. There were nine charter members about a year previous to the present organization, the barbers of Oneonta had formed themselves into an association of barbers, the bosses and journeymen combined, and at that time they closed by mutual consent all shops in the town on Sunday except two one-chair shops. The scale of wages was then from \$7 to \$10, and the hours were from

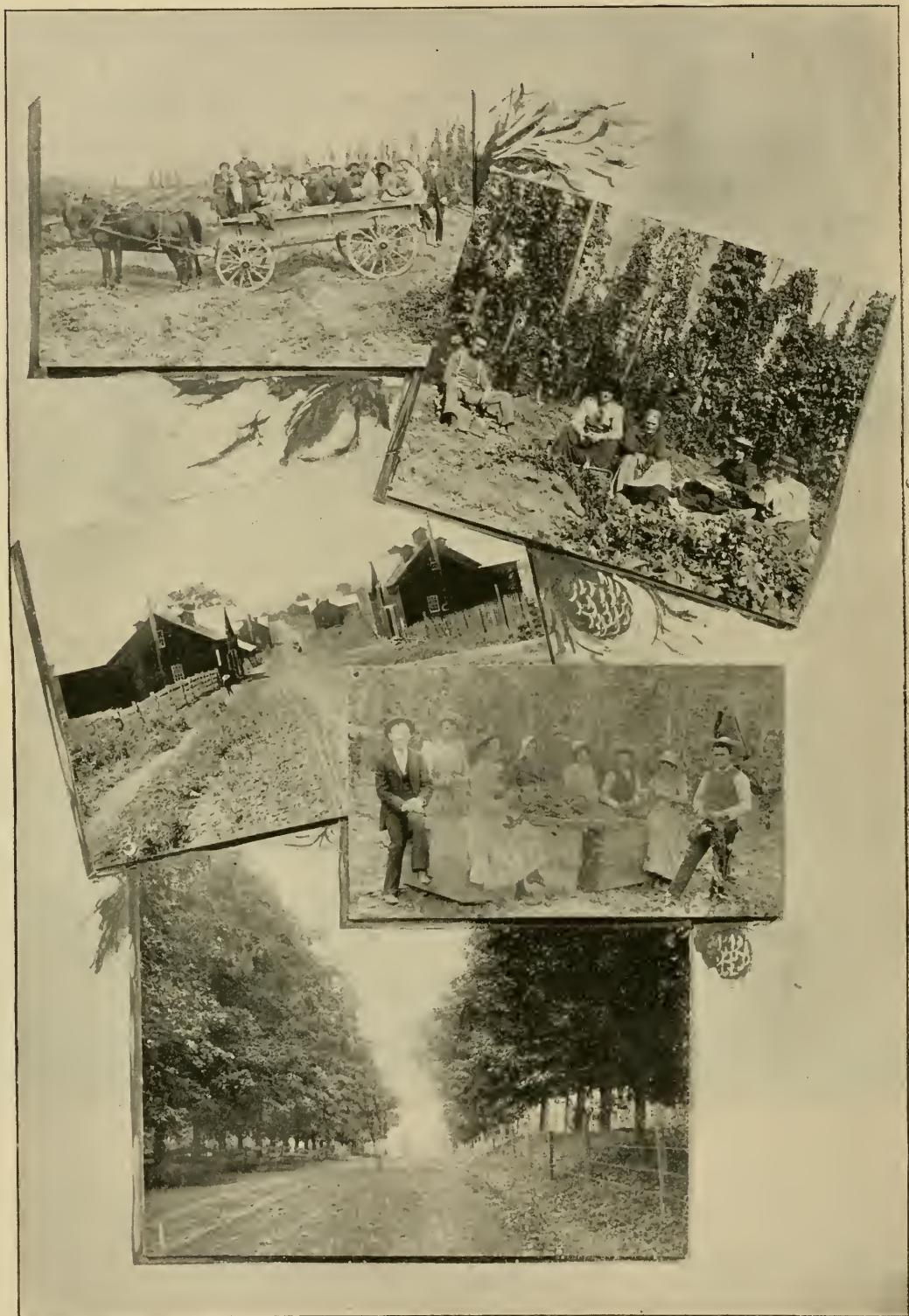


AN OUTLOOK FROM THE OTSEGO HILLS.

by its alumni. This school was organized in 1863, and an academic department under the visitation of the regents of the university was added in 1873. By a classification of the institutions under their supervision made in 1896, this department will henceforth be known as the Oneonta High School. Under the efficient supervision of Prof. N. N. Bull, which extended over twenty-five years, the school grew rapidly. At the present time two buildings are in use, with a registration of 1,100 students, and twenty-two teachers are employed. Under the present administration the school is in a high state of

7 A. M. to 9.30 P. M. Now the scale is from \$10 to \$12, and the shops close as follows: On Wednesday, 9 P. M.; Saturday, 12 M.; other days at 8 P. M.; legal holidays at noon. The scale of prices is fixed in the by-laws. The union is prosperous, having thirteen members in good standing, and one jurisdiction member.

**Martha Chapter, No. 116, Order Eastern Star, auxiliary B. of L. F.,** was organized March 30, 1895, with twenty-eight charter members. Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Masonic Hall. The chapter has a total membership of forty-three, and is in a prosperous condition.



IN THE HOP FIELDS OF OTSEGO COUNTY.



David Forrest Wilber was elected to Congress from the 21st district, including the counties of Otsego, Montgomery, Schoharie, Greene and Schenectady, in November, 1895, by the very large majority of 4,677. He served the first year of his term with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents, and was uncommonly active in putting through several public measures, being more servicable in promoting legislation than customary for a new member. He is naturally a legislator, if that expression may be used; that fact being demonstrated by the audacious and the remarkably clever manner in which he secured legislation protecting the cheese industry, which he so largely represents. The measure to which we refer is what is known as the "Filled Cheese bill." In brief, it secures the public against imposition on the part of foreign and unscrupulous cheese manufacturers, and makes

the country; a herd which were prize winners for butter making. He was also the president of the Cheviot Sheep Breeders' Association, member of the New York State Agricultural Society, and in 1893 he was one of the vice-presidents of the same; member of the State Dairymen's Association, second vice-president of the Holstein-Friesian Association. The interest he took in agricultural affairs resulted in his appointment by Governor Flower as a member of the tuberculosis commission, the object of which was to investigate the ravages of that disease among cattle. He was born in the town of Milford, December 7, 1859; was educated in the common schools, and after becoming sufficiently advanced in his studies, was sent to Cazenovia Seminary, from which institution he graduated in 1879. In 1880 he removed from Milford to Oneonta, where he became engaged in the hop business with his father and



ON THE SCHOHARIE.

it possible for the maker of first quality cheese to market his productions at remunerative figures. Ordinarily and by those unfamiliar with fact, this might be considered a very small matter, but when it is understood that a powerful coterie of cheese-makers, supported by experienced congressmen, made a hard fight against Mr. Wilber, endeavoring to forestall his measure by getting through one which ostensibly accomplished the same end, but which really was intended as a "blind," it will be conceded that his success was really a creditable achievement. At any rate his services were rewarded with a re-election in November, 1896. The Congressman is deeply interested in dairy matters. Until he became involved in public life, and when he had the time to look after other matters, he owned one of the finest herds of Holstein-Friesian cattle in

brother, George I., under the firm name of D. Wilber & Sons, which business was continued until 1883, when George I. withdrew and the firm became D. Wilber & Son, and so continued until his father's death. He also became largely interested in Oneonta real estate, and has conducted quite an extensive business in the same. He is the sponsor for the D. F. Wilber Hook and Ladder Company, after whom it is named; is a member of the Albany Burgesses Corps, and has recently been elected a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has twice represented the town of Oneonta in the board of supervisors, each time being elected by a handsome majority; member of the Republican county committee, of which he was chairman, and member of the Republican State committee.

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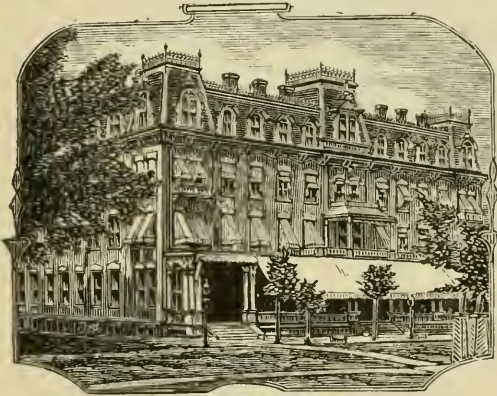
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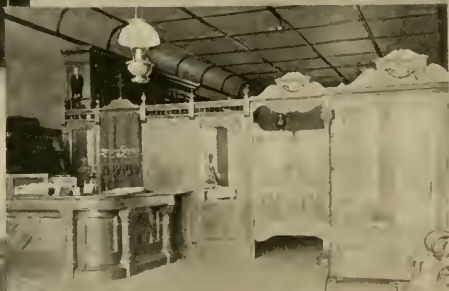
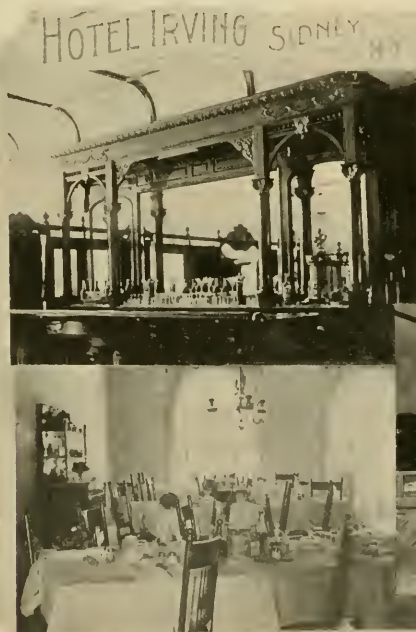
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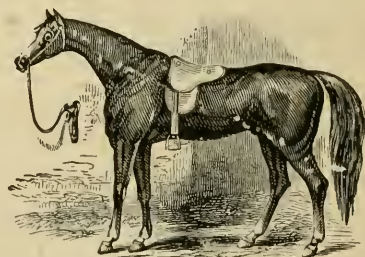


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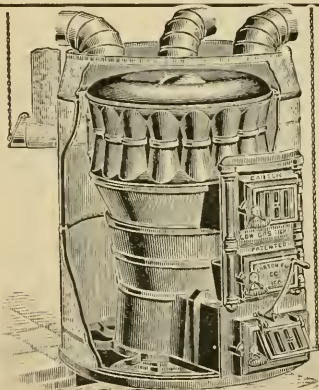
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